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	DEPARTURES.	New Regulations for preventing Collisions at	On Current Deposit Account at the rate of	Company, (Limited). Hongkong, 7th March, 1887. [491]	-1 COOKING STOVE	All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to	do .
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- 1	March 28, ATHOLL, British str , for Amoy.	Fielding's Joseph Andrews Leech's Pictures from Punch.	business transacted.	Hongkong, 5th March, 1887.	OF	Hongkong, 23rd March, 1887.	VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.
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. 1	March 28, NAUTILUS, Ger. gunboat, for Amoy. March 28, Velox, German str., for Chefoo.	Maps of the Canadian Pacific Railway.	America, China and Japan. JOHN WALTER,	FWATTER TO THE PARTY OF THE STATE OF THE STA	THE ARTHUR CENT AND AND AND AND AND AND AND	SINGAPORE.	
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	PASSENGERS.	— Scott's Shipping Telegraph Code.	Hongkong, 26th February, 1887.	TENNIS LAWN, and MAGNIFICENT VIEW. Apply to	Forest Lodge, Caine Road, on	T THREE BRIDE A.	THE following Particulars of Sale of Crown
	ARRIVED.	The Lady's World—New Fashion and Society Monthly Magazine.	NOTICE.	LINSTEAD & DAVIS. Honglang, 17th March, 1887. [562]	WEDNESDAY, the 6th April, 1887, at 2 o'clock P.M.	Ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested	Land by Public Austion, to be held on
	Per Partridge, str., from Pakhoi, &c.—12 Chinese	Black's Horse Racing in France.	DULES OF THE HONGKONG		HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,	to send in their Bills of Lading for counter- signature by the Undersigned and to take im-	the SPOT, on
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	Chinese.	Sprague's Electricity, its theory, Sources and	Tion along The sime of bounds on Work-Hour In	LINSTEAD & DAVIS.	DINING ROOM, MAHOGANY, MOROC-	landed into the Godewns of the Kowloon Pier	Colonial Secretary's Office,
	Per Esmeralda, str., for Amoy.—23 Chinese.	Applications.	2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 st	Hongkong, 17th March, 1887. [563	CO COVERED CHAIRS. CARVED OAK SIDEBOARD, EXTENSION DINING	and expense.	
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,	passed St. Catherine's Point on 27th Nov., after which rough weather in the English Channel;			HE GODOWN known as No. 3, BLUK	Subjoined are some of the items, consigned by	A, J. THUMPSUN,	OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
3.	passed Cape Lizard on the 1st December; had	UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL. [25]	NTIMATIONS.	BUILDINGS, with Immediate Possession. Apply to	DI IIUII D.	- Acting Agent,	FOR SHANGHAI YTA AMOY.
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•	Hope on 19th Jan, and 80 degrees longitude on	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,	SATURDAY, the 2nd April, 1887,	THE ORDINARY HALF YEARLY		Hungkong, 10th March, 1887. [51]	For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
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At Shanghai, on the 15th March, 1887, the wife T. LATRAM, Barrister at law, of a son-At Shanghai, on the 22nd March, ELLEN, the be

eved wife of John T. Taylor.

Hongkone, March 29TH, 1887.

TER attempt to bring about the triangular agreement necessary to secure the extension of the Praya from the Murray Pier to Wanchai is a truly Sisyphean task, calculated to dishearten the most persevering. Nevertheless we hope the unofficial members the Legislative Council will continue to pag away at the question until the desired consummation is achieved. It has taken the matter up, and not without been presented by His Excellency the Acting Governor to the Legislative Council on the subject. We-knew that Sir Groscy and Military Authorities, and His Excollency at one time flattered himself, we betrain for a settlement. From Mr. MARSH's memorandum, however, it is very clear that the Admiralty and War Office want to reap by the Surveyor-General's scheme, gain six acros of reclaimed land, valued by tailed to meet the convenience of the two Colombo on the 16th instant. departments would involve an outlay estima-

they should contribute a share of the cost. moted, has recognised the justice of this of the expense should be home by the War pared here, and will be ready in about six weaks. Office. Unfortunately the Admiralty not reclamation, but so far have not even con-Naval Yard, and until this question has place, as the staircase was found to be saturated been settled nothing can be done. And so the Admiralty block the way, and the proextended to suit their convenience, and as advantage in point of cost. the anchorage there is good, with deep water The present buildings in the Naval Yard might easily be converted into Barracks, and the five acres which have been offered to could be sold to pay the cost of reclamation. it will be, we presume, when the batteries rereive their armament, and they would be

HAMILTON will see his way either to advo-

eate, this course or else to acquiesce in Mr.

Admiralty bearing a reasonable share of the

Admiralty would have a right to com-

each side of the perbour. We trust that the local Government and Gameral Cameron will not rest satisfied to wait the tardy decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, but will press for immediate consideration of a question of so much importsince in this crowded but rapidly growing city, where means of extension are so terribly limited.

The United States corvette Marion, Commander Miller, arrived at Yokohama on the 17th

The following is the return of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending the 27th March :- Europeans, 170; Chinese, 2,149. The defendant in the perjury case, Loung

Ayow, alias Chun Ayut, was yesterday committed for trial at the next Criminal Sessions. H. M. S. Linnet, Commander Marrack, arriv. ed at Singapore on the 17th instant from Hongkong, which port she left on the 11th instant.

Our readers are reminded that the opening performance of Webb's Royal Marionettes will be given at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this

The Agents (Messrs; Russell & Co.) inform us that the Union Line steamer Antonio, from New York, left Singapore on the 26th instant for this port.

A telegram to the Governor of Macao annonness that the infant Prince of Beira, son of the Crown Prince of Portugal, received the name of Luiz Filippe; after the child's grandfather.

It is a coincidence worthy of note that the in a line alongside of the deep channelnew Opium Agreement was negotiated by three Irishmen, and two Irish barristers have been retained by the opium merchants and retail dealers to try to upset it.

here yesterday from home by the Glen Line her, and they accordingly returned to the an- it was resolved that in accordance when with them, the aggregate import from this 209 packages canes. For New York-1,837 steamer Glenorchy. Amongst them is Mr. chorage. But the sloop yacht and the large tion No. 4. a communication should be addressed they know that their relations are in the power source has attained such dimensions as to be Ahmed Fahmy, the Egyptian, of whom mention schooner each kept side by side with the steamer to the Government, and the witnesses taken into account by statisticians. In like has already been made in our extracts from home

Referring to the mutiny among the native oldiery in Portuguese Timor the Java Bods says the Governor was murdered by a band of native soldiers, who lay in wait for him near his residence. Several other officers were also

The Order of the Day for the meeting of the Legislative Council to be held at 3 p.m. tomorrow is as follows:

Second reading of the following Bill:—:
An Ordinance for the better regulating of the

It is currently reported (says the Nagasaki dressed to the Emperor of China a memorial Empress) that the Mitan Bishi Co.'s old towhoat Meishin has been sold for the sum of -35,000 subject-to-delivery-upon-completion-of- to that-of-governor-general of the peninsula steamer Yugao. The Meishin has been pur- under Chinese supreme direction. It is now chased, we believe, to run between Nagasaki and

The Japan Gazette says that the repairs to is satisfactory to note that Mr. MACEWEN the fortresses at Takashima, Yura, in Awaji, which were commenced about the middle of last month, will be completed before June next. They result, an interesting memorandum having are fortified with ten pieces of canuon recently cast at the Osaka Arsenal according to the

The Rising Sun says that the Mitsu Bishi steamer Fuyo, (late Prinz Heinrich), which vesse Bowen had been in treaty with the Naval left Nagasaki on the 10th inst., with a full cargo of Takasima coal for Yokohama, had to put into Kobe, where she arrived on the 16th inst., in consequence of having sustained some injury to lieve, that he had got the negotiations in her steering goar, and other damage, in a very severe gale she experienced

The British corvette Constance returned to Nagasaki from Port Hamilton on the 18th interpretation to anything so recondite as a March. Previous to her leaving (says the Ris- deliberate scheme of deception. Until the status, it was stated that the Government was prepared the benefit without bearing any of the cost ing Sun) everything of a movemble nature of Korea is placed on an intelligible basis, we to co-operate with the Public of Hongkong in of the reclamation. The former would, connected with the British occupation of the must be prepared for all kinds of vague rumours celebrating. Her Majesty's Jubilee year in a islands had been removed. A telegraph cable connecting the islands with Gutzlaff, which was some two and a-half acres, and the latter secretly laid at considerable expense, has yet to be disposed of.

Mr. Parok at £160,000; and they consider | The steamer Hesperia, which arrived here that the privilege of continuing the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Lacries, bound for Am-Praya past their premises is a quid pro quo sterdam and London, two days out from Penang, for that handsome present. It might be so, had broken her shaft and was waiting to meet a Company's steamer to pick her up. The Penang perhaps, if the reclamation cost nothing, but Guzette learns that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamor meeing that it and the necessary works en. | Achilles, bound westward, towed the Lasztes into | by two lengths.

The statue of the late Sir Arthur Edward ted at £71,000, it is only reasonable that Kennedy, Governor of this Colony 1872-76 arrived here yesterday, in the steamer Glenorchy from London. It will be landed to-day and Major-General Campron, to his credit be it carried up to the Public Gardens, where it will be erected on a pedestal of Hongkong granite at the top of the broad walk looking down toview, and has recommended that a portion wards the fountain. The pedestal is being pre-

Yesterday morning, between 12 and 1 o'clock, only decline to contribute anything to the a fire broke cut at No. 143, Queen's Road Central, over the entrance to Gilman's Buzzar. Inspector Rae heard the police whistle and at once sented to any plan that will deprive them of proceeded to the spot, but found that the fire their water frontage. The Lords Commissio. had been extinguished. The house is unocoupied 19th March, reported the Kamtchatka ashore off held to consider the matter on Tuesday, the 5th at present, but some coolies, who have been sleepmers are now, Mr. Marsa tells us, con- ing there, have lately been turned out, and it is sidering the desirability of extending the supposed that they had purposely set fire to the with kerosene oil.

Mr. D. M. Henderson, Engineer-in-Chief of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, left abandoned, and continued his course to Kobe. gress of the city is seriously retarded through here yesterday for Shanghai, having completed The Kamtchatka was a steamer of 702 tons, built the obstructiveness of one Imperial Depart- his survey in connection with the proposed Gap specially some seven or eight years ago for tradment. As a matter of fact the presence of Rook. Mr. Henderson, we hear, is of opinion that Gap Rock is the most suitable site for the ing on the Siberian coast, and from the 28th the Naval Authorities on this side of the proposed light, but he has an alternative scheme February to the 16th March, she had been in harbour is a mistake. On the Kowloon side for a light on an island a little nearer Hong- Yokosuka Dockyard undergoing repairs and overthey have one large yard, which might be Rock. The latter scheme, it appears, has the

The original estimates for the construction of there to which vessels needing repair could Tokyo, amounted (says the Japan Herald) to two follows:—The Kamichatka was aground on the hundred and eighty thousand yen. Though the Isaki Reef in Tanabe Bay. She was standbe brought. In the summer months the building is not completed yet, some twenty-five ing high out of the water and had apparently - Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Mr. vessels in reserve are always auchored in thousand yen over the original estimates have his Government to grant the necessary funds to seen, she was a complete wreck. One large hole first defendant and Mr. Dennys for second and summonses. It was his intention to commit the Yau-mah-tee Bay, and now there is constant already been expended. The Bishop petitioned communication the inconveniences attending complete the church, but it is said that he has was visible on the starboard bow about twenty removal to that side would be very trifling, received private instructions from his Govern- feet in length. The boats were down and ment, telling him to raise the balance from the native converts.

The Hiogo News of the 15th inst. says:-Our correspondent in Osaka informs us that the ungrateful and unappreciative Admiralty | Chiarini's Circus has already become very popular among the Japanese, and is attracting not in connection with the wreck, but informa-The Military will need additional accommo- the animals, tents, and other impedimenta only and crew were coming overland to Kobe, and dation when the Garrison is augmented, as reached Osaka at eleven o'clock on Friday everything was in order and an entertainment given the same evening. A feat of this kind is convincing proof of the excellence of the manageglad to have the contonments in a kind of ment. We may add that the performances are with her head towards Yokohama. How she got ring fence. We trust that Vice-Admiral over every evening in time for visitors from Kobe to return home by the last train."

The Japan Gazette says:-"Advices from in the opposite direction. . . Atami, where the famous hot springs are Price's scheme for adding five acres to the situated, say that the climate there is much present Naval Yard conditionally on the warmer since the storm of the 9th instant, and the thermometer rises to 65 degrees in the afternoon. The total number of persons staying cost. The spectacle of one Department of there at present is 669, of which 8 or 4 are nothe Imperial Government rendering itself a bles. Permission was recently given by the authorities to start a salt-water bath house. fatal drag on the progress of an important which was proposed by Mesars. Uchida and ly not easily justifiable. If no other place the Praya extension project would put both Japanese and foreign visitors who may be pondence cannot be sent to the South African your Worship that these men, at least, I speak duty is \$5.57, not \$15 per ball as appears in a rethem to any serious disadvantage, the

be more advantageous to the Colony, more the colony, more the speciment of Consul in the Antilles, satisfactory to the Military, and in many West Indies. He was the first official Consul tents, are answited to his means of conveyance, ing the marks on his body. Your Worship repects would be more convenient to the sent out to the Straits Settlements by Belgium. If a postal administration does not postess the fused that application and said we must in the present system. I would suggest that it necessity for granting money, but said that P respects would be more convenient to the straits Settlements by Belgium. Naval Authorities, as they would then have which has hitherto been represented by an power of deciding under what conditions it will proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when buy Majesty's Government declined to continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when the continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when the continue at a proceed with the case in the ordinary way of be provided that the Chinese dealers, when the continue at a proceed with the case in the continue at a proceed with the case in the continue at a proceed with the case in the continue at a proceed with the case in the continue at a proceed with the case in the cont one compact establishment instead of one on Co. sulates were half-masted on the 18th.

The Hiogo News publishes, by request the following letter from the late master of the illfated steamer Normanton :-Dear Mr. Goodison,—Before leaving this country could as well be delivered as any other article of tion that had come out in cross-examination, we the colony this trade, as its withdrawal would have a disastrons effect on the progress

pression of my sincere and heartfelt gratitude. Japan must always remain associated in my mind with the great tribulation of my life, but that feeling will ever be softened by pleasurable recollections of the active sympathy and benevolent assistance so liberally extended towards my family and myself during my misfortune. Again assuring you of my gratitude, believe me, dear Mr. Goodison, Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. DEARE.

The San Francisco correspondent of the Japan Mail writes .- "Much talk is current about the establishment of new steamship lines between British Columbia and Japan or Australia. Plausible despatches aver that the Cunard-Company is willing to escrifice three of its old steamers for the purpose. It is a mere question of subsidy. If Canada or Great Britain will pay the joint honorary secretaries and the Govern-enough, the lines will be established. And the ment: chances are on the whole that they will. Canada is so hopelessly bankrupt that a few more hundreds of thousands added to her debt are neither here nor there; and it will suit the jingoes in England to establish a line of steamers by which a patriotic Englishman can circumnavigate the globe without ever departing from the shelter of the British flag."

The Penang Gazette has heard a rumour (very unlikely to be true) that the Governor of Honduras may possibly relieve Sir Fred. Weld in October next. An extraordinary demonstration against Mr. Goldsworthy took place on the occasion of his departure from Honduras which is thus described by the local journal:-" As the time for the steamer's departure drew near, the fleet of boats and vessels sailed off and drew up through which the stoamer had to pass-and there awaited her. As she came abreast of them Park in the Woog-naich and Valley, if possible within she was again saluted with music and with loud the Jubilee Year, the said Park to be called the shouts, and the whole fleet turned and attempted | Victoria Park after Her Most Gracious Majesty. meantime discoursing sweet music. The band called the Victoria Park. name, when translated into English, means Good the honour to request that you will lay this 'Rogue's March'. Playing these tunes the two vernor, so that we may be in a position to invessels kept company with the steamer until form the general committee of the views enterthey had gone over three miles from the an- tained by the Government on this subject. the rest of the day was given up by the towns. to proceed with the scheme, we should be glad

Intelligence from Korea (says the Japan Mail) emphatically denies the rumour recently circulated, to the effect that the King had adsuggesting the advisability of his-the King's -removal from the Royal office and appointment asserted, on apparently good authority, that this raport was not only false, but deliberately false. In other words, it owed its origin to political intrigue. We are not prepared to endorse this extreme view, though we do now believe that no such memorial was ever signed or sanctioned by the King. Possibly the proverbial germ of truth lying at the root of the story is a letter said to have been written by His xcellency Earl Li to the Korean Monarch, hinting, in courteous terms, that the appointment of a Chinese adviser to the Korean Court might be beneficial, in view of the embarrassed condition of the little kingdom's finances, and in view, also, of the troubles connected with the Russian West are so dangerously vague that such a letter | Victoria Park. might easily be misconstrued by the general public. It is not necessary to attribute a false bearing upon her foreign relations.

REUTER'S-TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS." LONDON, 26th March. OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVER

SITY BOAT RACE. The light blue won last year by half a length

Cambridge has now scored 20 wins as against 23 by Oxford.—ED. D. P.]

LOSS OF THE RUSSIAN STEAMER " KAMTOHATKA"

----The Russian steamer Kamtchatka has been lost off Tanabe, while on her passage from Yokohama to Kobe. She left Yokohama on the 17th March, and must have gone ashore the next day. Captain Waring, of the steamer Breconshire, which arrived at Kobe on the morning of the Tanabe, about the same place the Venetia went | proximo. on a reef. The sea was breaking over the Kamtchatka, and a flag of distress flying, but as no reply was made to the Breconshire's signals Captain Waring concluded that the vessel was haul. She was commanded by Captain Ingman. The P. & O. Co.'s steamer Thibet, which arrived here on Sunday night from Japan, passed the Kamtchatka en route, and reports as

gone ashore at high water. As far as could be Caldwell, prosecuted; Mr. Holmes appeared for he did not see that they had anything to do with there was no sign of anyone being on board. perjury case had been committed for trial. She was flying the Russian flag, but had no signal of distress. They had not been able to discover whether there had been loss of life or large audiences. Although the train conveying tion reached them from Kobe that the captain therefore it was supposed that no loss of life had prosecution to bring further evidence. Chui resulted. A somewhat remarkable feature was that the vessel, when they passed her, was lying

COAST LETTERS.

We have received the following memorandum from the Post Office with reference to the inquiry made by D. W.S. in our yesterday's issue:-Every Postal Administration claims and exerdesirous of bathing in salt-water as well as in Colonies, or that Post Cards cannot be sent to on behalf of first defendant, should no longer be cent issue of your paper.

Colonies, or that Post Cards cannot be sent to on behalf of first defendant, should no longer be cent issue of your paper.

Cortainly no sufficiently strong reasons have Australia, what is meant is simply that those detained in gaol.

I desire to convey to you and the numerous other correspondence, but the Post Office claims the had only to prove that to quash the case. We be a loss of some millions of dollars.—Yours, have had the evidence of Ho Ki, who said that only to prove that the case. We have had the evidence of Ho Ki, who said that only to prove that the case.

Whon an article of correspondence which, according to the regulations of a Post Office. cannot be forwarded or delivered comes into the possession of such Post Office, there are only three courses open, viz., to return it to the sender, to detain it for compliance with the regulations, or, in some cases, to destroy it.

THE JUBILEE (ELEBRATION AND THE PROPOSED PARK.

The following correspondence in connection with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee and the proposed Victoria Park has passed between

THE HON. SECRETARIES TO THE COLONIAL Hongkong, 17th March, 1887.

Sir. We are directed to inform you that a Public Meeting was held on the 2nd instant to consider in what manner Her Most Gracious Majesty's Jubilee should be celebrated in Hongkong. At that meeting the following resolutions were carried :-

1.- That the Jubilee of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen shall be colebrated by her loyal subjects in 2. That the colobra ion take the form of a permanent institution of some description, to be called by Hor Majost'y name, and of a Fete and general

3.—That the Fete and general rejoicings be held on 4.—That as a permanent memorial of the Jubilee Year, the Government be invited to carry out, with the co-operation of the community, the school for a

to accompany her. All, with the exception of A General Committee was also appointed. Several missionaries for the North arrived two, however, found it impossible to keep up with That Committee met on the 15th instant when ment, because it is almost impossible to get with for years, most of whom brought some capital -which had to steam at a comparatively slow views with regard to carrying out the scheme themselves may be spirited away before they can manner large sums used to be brought into rate through the channel—their bands in the for a Park in the Wong-noi-chong Valley, to be go down to the Supreme Court. I can assure China from Australia and California by return-

> Riddence, and the sloop yacht played the matter before His Excellency the Acting Go- ing to come into this court and give evidence, be- form of gold dust, double eagles and bars, for a chorage, when they turned back. The whole of S .- In the event of the Government deciding to be proceeded with at once and the prisoners the desirability but the necessity of the merto be furnished with a plan of the proposed Park, together with an estimate of the probable

> > proportion of the ontlay the Government will be willing to contribute. .4.—We are also directed to inquire whether the 9th November next, the date fixed on by the majority at the public meeting on which to hold the Foto-and-general rejoicings, will-suit-the convenience of the Government.-We have, &c., ARTHUR K. TRAVERS,

cost of the undertaking and a statement of what

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART, Hon. Secretaries. The Hon, F. Stewart, Acting Colonial Se-

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY TO THE HON.

26th March, 1887. Gentlemen.—I am directed by the Officer Administering the Government to state in reply to your communication of the 17th instant, that His Excellency is invited in that letter to express the views entertained by the Government on the trading-port negotiations. The relations be subject of carrying out a scheme for converting tween the kingdom and its neighbour on the the Happy Valley into a park to be called the

I am to remind you that, in reply to a question put to the Government by a member of the Legislative Council on the 11th February last. manner befitting the occasion, and is ready to take into consideration any definite proposal on the subject that may be made to it in accordance with the wishes of the community.

In your letter under acknowledgment you seem to refer the question of proceeding with the scheme for the conversion of the Happy Valley for the decision of the Government This is not in accordance with the reply given to the question put in the Legislative Council. As another proposal has already been made and Cambridge won the inter-University boat race approved by the Scoretary of State about this Park, His Excellency thinks it would not be right for him to suggest any alteration of that original proposal, which was estimated to cost financial position of the Colony warrants the I shall therefore wait until the case is concluded kong to India. These, according to the vague Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares expenditure.

I am further desired to state that the date proposed by the Committee for holding the fête and general rejoicings will suit the convenience of Government.-I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your most obedient servant, (Sd.) FREDERICK STEWART.

Acting Colonial Secretary. To Mesers. A. K. Travers and J. H. Stewart-Majesty's Jubilee Committee. A meeting of the General Committee will be

POLICE COURT. 28th March.

BEFORE MR. E. MACKEAN. THE PERJURY CASE. On this case being called, his Worship ob

served that he had decided to commit the de fendant for trial bail being allowed as before. BREORE MR. H. E. WODEHOUSE.

THE CHINESE BENDITION CASE. The further hearing of this case in which the mitted within its jurisdiction, was resumed.

Inspector' Quincey, who was first called, formed his Worship that the defendant in the the depositions, His Worship-This case will be remanded trial, bail being allowed as before. till next Monday. Mr. Holmes-On behalf of the first defendant

I must beg to remind your Worship of the remarks made by you at the last sitting of the Court. I believe that you intimated that in the event of the case of perjury being proved against Chun Ayut, you would not allow the Aynt being the principal witness, if your Worship was satisfied by the proceedings in the evidence of other witnesses would be immaterial, in such a position was difficult to imagine, seeing that is to say, the principal part of the charge dealing and the ability displayed in his scheme, that she was going, at the time of the disaster, rested on his evidence. This being so and the it would be well to bear in mind that his acquaint have taken place in Bulgaria. The semi-official case this morning as against Chun Ayut having ance with the trade it so materially affects is paper says that the limits of patience have been been proved to the satisfaction of the Magistrate that of a theorist only. As one practically en- exceeded by the events that have lately occurred of the other court and the defendant committed gaged in the business, allow me to point out a in that country. for trial at the Criminal Sessions, I submit that few points which seem to have been lost sight of the duty of the Magistrate ended in his finding in the haste to force this obnoxious Bill through Chun Ayut guilty as far as he was concerned the Legislature. As at present drafted, its effect - Monseigneur Rampola del Tindaro has de and it now remains for a higher tribunal to con- will most certainly be disastrous to the commerce clined the offer of the post of the Pontifical firm or reject those proceedings. But so far as of the colony. Should the Chinese not be allowed Secretary of State, made to him by His Holiness the Magistrate is concerned, Chun Ayut is to sell opium by retail they will remove to the Pope. found guilty. Even supposing he should be dis- Canton, where they can freely do so. colony is not an edifying one, and is certain. Honda. The new premises are being con. cises the right of rejecting such articles of cor- charged, the prosecution are not at liberty to bring | Further, I have it upon good authority that structed at Yokoise for the purpose and will be respondence as it may find to be, from whatever any further evidence, and therefore their case is the Lekin farmer of Haiphong is prepared to recompleted in the course of this month. The lo- cause, embarrassing to its operations. Thus, closed. The prisoner being committed his case is duce the duty now levied there by one-half, say, were obtainable, and if it were proved that calify will be probably crowded this summer with when it is said that insufficiently paid correst disposed of, and I therefore respectfully submit to from \$222.80 to \$111.40 per chest. The present have been stopped.

countries decline to receive such objects. It Mr. Dennys-On behalf of the second and third been put forward for the violation of such a the Admiralty, presented to the House of Com-The Straits Times records the death of the might be argued that whatever arrangements defendants, following the lead of Mr. Holmes, I fundamental international principle as that it is mone yesterday the Navy Estimates for 1887-88, Baron Selys de Fanson, Consul General in the suffice for the delivery of a letter will would remind your Worship of the remarks you not the duty of any state to collect revenue for which show a decrease of £750,000 when comstantial compensation is offered for any Straits Settlements for Belgium, who died on equally suffice for the delivery of a letter will another or assist in the collection, to say nothing pared with those for the previous year owing to made with regard to the witness Chun Ayut, who inconvenience likely to result from the the 17th instant at the General Hospital, Sepoy Post Card, but various administrations, for rea- calls himself Leung Ayow. After Leung Ayow of interference with the freedom of this port and economies effected and reforms made in the loss of their water frontage, and they Lines, from dropsy. The decessed gentleman sons doubtless deemed sufficient, refuse to circles deemed sufficient d only arrived at Singapore: on the 24th ultimo, in culate this class of correspondence, and a Post Worship said that the case depended so entirely be a poor one indeed when they endeavour to estimates show that the Nevy is stronger in its would be distinct gainers through the trans- the French mail steamer Melbourns, to take up Card for Natal would be returned here by the action by securing a large addition to their his appointment, but as he had been ill ever London Post Office with the words cannot be to this man's evidence, that if the evidence of drug imported there is very limited and is and the building of ships is being carried on Hambons. called to prove the charges made against him was mostly retained for local consumption. What with extreme activity. ground. The scheme for the transference of tively on the discharge of his duties, and it was action by securing a large addition of reception called to prove the charges made against him was mostly retained for local consumption. What since he could hardly be said to have entered so forwarded impressed on it.

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| Called to prove the charges made against him was mostly retained for local consumption. What since he could hardly be said to have entered so forwarded impressed on it. the Naval Yard to Kowloon would, however, his intention to return to Europe by the next arises out of the necessity of the case, and is ed. Your Worship will remember that application to return to Europe by the next arises out of the necessity of the case, and is be more advantageous to the Colony, more. French mail. Before coming to Singapore he analogous to the right of a carrier to refuse tion was made to examine Chun Ayut privately, to quality and so does not require to be tested dicals attacked the supplementary vote for the

these marks were on Chun Ayut's arm when he had seen him before. Your Worship said you. have only to prove that the characters on the man's arm are the word "To" and the prisoners THE WANT OF STATISTICS OF BULwill be discharged. I put Mr. Chun Kai Ming. the interpreter of this court, in the box and he swore positively that these marks were

case the following Monday in order to give Mr. 'to the amount of gold exported from and im-Caldwell time to bring rebutting evidence. And ported into China gives as (says the N. C. Daily you further stated that such evidence must prove News) an opportunity of drawing attention to that that mark did not exist on the man's arm. the want of information on bullion movements On the following Monday no such evidence was in China and Hongkong. It is partly true, as produced. In the mountime action and been the Committee of the Chamber say in their retaken in the case by a private individual and port, that there is little doubt that with a porta charge of perjury brought against Li Loi able article such as gold, a large quantity may and thun Ayut I need not say that that be imported and experted without any record. at the Military Cometery, Bhowanipore, with private individual was myself. I submit that We should be inclined to say that the imports military honours. The chief mourners were the case before the other Magistrate has nothing and experts of gold which are unrecorded in the General Chesney, General Parvis, Colonels Trewhatever to do with this case. If you believe Customs or the manifests of ships may in the vor. Pemberton, Filgate, and Luard. The the evidence of Chun Ayut you have a right aggregate and in any year amount to a consi- Vicercy was represented by Major H. Cooper. to call upon the prisoners for their defence, derable sum. But do importations or exportabut you have no right to adjourn this case tions of gold now take place to any great ex- ceed General Hancock as Scorotary in the Pubfrom week to week till the other case is finish tent at any particular time which are not rewith that case. These three men before your sionally understated by dishonest shippers in or-

Worship are on trial for their lives, and their der to save freight; gold is also sometimes carcare ought to be conducted in a legal, formal, and ried in luggage, on which no freight whatever is proper manner; and I submit, with all respect paid, and these may amount to a considerable to your Worship, that the case is not being con- sum in the course of months. But it is probable ducted in such a manner when it is being ad that such movements of gold from and into any journed from wook to week. If your Worship port of China about balance. Unless something Worship believes that Dr. Hartigan, Mr. Chun district which has made transactions in gold of Kai Ming and Ho Ki have all gone into the box more than ordinary importance in a given and told deliberate falsehoods, the prisoners will period, say one year, it is unlikely that there will make their defence, but if not I submit there is be any great difference between the surreptitions. no case against them. Your Worship has been imports and exports of the article. The same a long time in this colony, and you know how dif- unrecorded movements of gold take place all over | lain, 11 packages straw hats, and 560 packages ficult it is for a man to defend himself against the world, and in the case of United States, into rice. From Manile-45 cases indigo, 22 cases officials who are in pay of the Chinese Govern- which a stream of immigrants has been pouring your Worship that numbers of people have ing natives. But the establishment of trustof the schooner played a Spanish tune whose 2 -In accordance with this resolution we have spoken to me in the street, knowing that this worthy banks in California must have consider. was a trumped-up charge, but who are unwill- ably lessened the amount carried home in the danse they know that their relatives would pay Chinese can now get a draft on Hongkong, On London.the penalty with their lives. If you believe thereby bringing his risk of loss to a minimum. the evidence of Chun Ayat then the case ought | What we now wish to point out is not only allowed to make their defence. The defence cantile and banking community being furnished which I intend to make will be the proving of with as full information as can be obtained from an alibi, and if this case is again adjourned fresh | the manifests of vessels of the import and export charges may be brought by the Chinese Govern. of bullion in Hongkong. At present it does not prove, when the Government know exactly where kept in the Colony. Now and then we get casual the defendants were at such and such a date.

public, and if I pass over what Mr. Dannys place in Asia in which the movements of bullion arrested on charge of subornation of perjury and the West and to provide most of the funds by Leung Ayow for perjury. Mr. Caldwell applied which the produce of the South of Chius which is for time to bring rebutting evidence. The Ma- sent to the Straits, India, Europe, and America, cistrate declined to take any action in the matter is financed. The Colony has to find money for but granted time to allow the solicitors for the the rice trade with Siam. Saigon and other pladay. In the interval action taken by a private this latter branch of finance gold and silver shipwith subornation of perjury and perjury. Mr. as they do, though to much greater amounts, in Dennys asks for release of defendants. The Mathe Ludian trade with the colony. At the same against Loung Tyow is concluded an i proposes to linto the Colony from many quarters, but on all for their discharge. The application refused. possible for any one to form an accurate estimate Mr. Dennys, and Mr. Holmes ask for bail. Mr. of the position or needs of the money markets in

trate, in reference to the application of Mr. | chants may dispense with such information and Francis to be allowed to bring further evidence, I get along without the want of it harming them. in the event of Loung Ayow being convicted of But in unusal times in the Eastern money marparjury, gives formal notice that should such kets such information becomes absolutely necesevent occur, he will consider that no prime sary, and it is these unusual times which require informed that the case is committed fast week or so there has been a considerable the defence think that the other case is yet con- is down and Chiua follows, and on looking cluded. A criminal case is not concluded autil round for the reason, it seems to be supplied the prisoner is either found guilty or acquitted. by the heavy shipments of silver from Hongand remand this one until Monday, April 1th, rumours which have reached us, have amounted

CHARGE OF PUBLISHING AN INDECENT Wong Shu Tong, Wong Yat Sun, and Chan King Po were again brought before his Worship, on the charge of printing and publishing Hongkong, and in as authoritative a way as an indecent article in the Tsan Wan Yat P.o. The Crown Solicitor, Mr. A. B. Johnson. Lockhart, Honorary Secretaries to Her prosecuted; Mr. Webber (from the office of Mr. Ewons) appeared for the defence. Mr. E. Barros was called, and produced arecord

of the case "Regina v. Wang Sze Kwai," which took place in the Supreme Court in 1885, when the previous proprietor of the same paper was convicted of a similar offence. His Worship then read a revised translation of from the one supplied by the prosecution, was another; it would enable us to acquire some

Mr. Webber then mentioned the objection he not being complete, in as much as the law required that the words which were complained of as indepent and obscene should be set out in the charge they were called upon to answer. This had not been complied with and consequently the an opinion on this, and we commend the concase should be quashed. Mr. Webber then anoted from Cor's Criminal Cases Report in the matter of "Regina v. Bradlaugh and Besant," in

support of his contention. His Worship observed that with reference to indictments, he considered the arguments Mr. Webber brought forward perfectly correct, but in. Mr. Webber's objection and arguments upon

Defendants were accordingly committed for

CORRESPONDENCE

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinion

expressed by our Correspondents.) THE NEW OPIUM AGREEMENT. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

BIR,-While giving every credit to Mr. Justice Russell for conscientious regard for fair

Hororary Consul. The flags at the various or will not receive correspondence, it follows cross-examination. I then called Dr. Hartigan, ing from foreigners, should procure Lekin chops sidising the Egyptian Army, and the Egyptian that packets of unlimited size, of unlimited who examined the witness in Court and who from Kowloon, hand them over to the Harbour authorities were therefore trying to report the

Hongkong, 28th March, 1887.

LION MOVEMENT IN HONGKONG.

"To," meaning "thief." This took place on the The application by the German Consul-General Friday and your Worship theu adjourned the to the Chamber of Commerce for information as These defendants have nothing to do corded? No doubt the value of gold is occabelieves the evidence of Chur Ayut, if your peculiar has occurred in the affairs of a port or ment which it will be impossible for me to dis- appear as if any official records of these were Ox Parts .items in the newspapers, or hear that large His Worship-I cannot agree, in any way, with quantities of dollars or silver or gold are arriving | Ox New York.the statement made by Mr. Dannys with re- or leaving. But absolutely nothing that is worth gard to the promises I have made during the a moment's attention is known about the bullion hearing of the case. The action I have taken movements in what probably is the third largest ON BOMBAY .throughout these proceedings I have made money market in the East. There is scarcely a has said with regard to the promises I have if they were recorded in a trustworthy manner made, it is not that I agree with him, but because | would be more interesting and valuable. Hong-I do not opnsider them worthy of further notice, kong as the centre of a great trade in European Thave here before me in writing the course that was goods, which are purchased in and distripursued :- "Mr. Donnys applied to have Li Loi | buted from her, has large remittances to make to

defence to take what action they thought fit. cas, which occasionally assumes very large pro-The case to be remanded till the following You- portions and is at all times considerable. In individual, and Li Lol and Laung Ayow charged | ments from Hongkong play an important part, gistrate declines to take any action until the cash time gold and dollars are or may be pouring ! djourn the case from week to week. Case came these points nothing that is trustworthy is s still proceeding. The case again, remanded, without more knowledge than we can at present endants, and Mr. Holmes, on behalf of first, ask inward which take place in Hongkong, it is imto three to four hundred thousand pounds, a considerable sum, and sufficient to depress rates. It is not, however, upon one incident in one sea- Douglas Steamship Company Limited—348 son's movements of bullion in Hongkong and and silver, and, if possible, showing the amounts of each. But we would do so in the general interests of commerce. Transactions are closely interwoven now-a-days, and when these are in bullion, and to a large amount, it is absolutely necessary that they should be made known. It is as ne-And besides the advantage which this inforcorrect, but we cannot prove it to be so. For

cessary to the money market in China, small as it comparatively is to London, Paris or New York, Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited thearticle, which, though differing in a few points mation would be to current business, there is aimitted to be substantially correct and was knowledge of China's position on the silver question, about which all that we know is expeedingly indefinite. China is spoken of as capable, under certain circumstances, of absorbing any quantity of silver. This opinion may be we do not know whether China has in late years summons, so that defendants might know what imported or exported more silver. These returns, published in Hongkong, would enable us, to form A. ideration of the issue of them to the authorities. legislative and commercial, and the Press of the

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are taken from the Rangoon Gazette:-

RUSSIA AND THE BULGARIAN REGENCY. RUSTCHUCK. 9th March. At another court martial held here, eleven officers and one hundred and twenty soldiers, belonging to the garrison here, have been seutenced to various terms of penal servitude for

their participation in the late revolted Sofia, 9th March. A Circular sent by the Russian Government prior to the execution of those condemned to death by the court martial held at Rustchuck asked the Powers at Sona to prevent the atrocities of the Bulgarian Government being car ried out. The Circular was, however, received

ST. PETERSBURG, 9th March. The Journal de St. Petersburg to day published a violent article regarding the executions which

after the execution.

THE PONTIFICAL SECRETARIAT.

PORTUGAL AND ZANZIBAR. ZANZIBAR, 19th March. Through the friendly mediation of Germany the hostilities between Portugal and Zausibar THE BRITISH NAVY ESTIMATES.

LONDON, 11th March. Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of Regarding

In the House of Commons last night, the Ra-

weight, or containing the most dangerous or un positively swore that he had on his arm muitable contents may be posted, and must be tated marks and above that a mark which had very from the foreigners undowns. Of course diture, and if unsuccessful they must continue to forwarded. A Post Card, for instance, insorib- been burned out. Your Worship then made the restriction as to dealing in quantities of make deductions from the coupons, thus involving ed with grossly offensive or insulting words the remark, that in consequence of the informa- less than one chest must be removed to secure to an International Commission in Egypt which

The vote was ultimately adopted. THE REPORTED BUSSIAN ADVANCE IN ASIA. Sir James Fergusson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question, said that Her Majesty's Government disbelieved the report that Russian troops were being massed at

> DEATH OF GENERAL HANCOCK. CALCUTTA, 9th March.

Major General H. E. Hancock., R. E., the newly appointed Secretary to the Public Works Department, died here this morning. The deceased had for a short time been ailing with liver complaint, but the attack was not regarded as dangerous, and its fatal termination has caused a painful surprise and very general regret.

CALCUTTA, 10th March Major-General Hancock was buried last night It is expected that Colonel Filgate will suclie Works Department.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

MONDAY, 28th March.

EXPORT CARGOES. Per ateamship Antenor, sailed on the 25th March :- For London-250 rolls matting, 5 cases bristles, 41 packages canes, 6 cases silks, 38 packages sundries, 11 bales waste silk, and 5 cases blackwood ware. From Japan-160 packages tes, 3 packages ouries, 96 packages porcecigare, and 69 cases tobacco. From Foochow-

packages matting. Per steamship Glenroy, sailed on the 26th March For London-399 packages canes, 6 cases chinaware, 20 bales waste silk, and 24

prokages sundries. Bank Bills, on demand Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight3/14 Bank Bills at 4 months' sight 3/1; a 3/2 Credits, at 4 months' sight3/21 a 3/21 Doonmentary Bills, at 4 months' Bank Bills, on demand Credits, at 4 months' sight4.03 Gredite, 60 days sight77 M CALCUTTA --Bank, on demand On Shanghal. Bank, at sight714 Private, 30 days' sight725

Quotations are: Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares-150 per cent. premium, ex div. Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited-\$80 per share. China Traders Insurance Company's Shares-North China Insurance-Tis. 285 per share. Yanrisza Insurance Association-Tls. 114 per

on again. Mr. Quincey states that perjury case known. Yet we do not hesitate to say that Thinese Insurance Company, Limited \$235 per Mr. Dennys on behalf of second and third de- command of the bullion movements outward and On Tai Insurance Company, Limited-Tis. 148 per share. Canton Insurance Office, Limited-375 per share, ex div.

Caldwell objects. Bail refused. The Magis- the East. In ordinary times bankers and mer- Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares-\$4224 per share, or div. China Fire Insurance Company's Sheres-48 per share, ex div. Straits Marine Insurance Company, Limitedfacis case has been made out." I am now providing against. For instance within the Straits Fire Insurance Company, Limited-

for trial. I cannot believe that the solicitors for and unexpected collapse in exchange. India Hongrong and Whampos Dock Company's Shares—115 per cent. prem., az div. Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steambost Co.'s Shares —388 per cent. prem. 10 per cent. discount, sellers. hina and Manila Steamship Company, Limited -30 per cent. discount. nominal.

> per share. China that we would suggest the publication in Hongkong Gas Company's Shares \$125 per may be, of the shipments and arrivals of gold Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares-\$190 per China Sugar Refining Company, Limited -- \$160 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$58 Hongkong Ice Company's Shares-\$42 per

> > -3110 per share, ex div. Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company Punjom and Sunghie Dus Samantan Mining Company, Limited-\$13 per share. Perak Sugar Cultivation Company-Tls. 18 per Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Li-

mited-345 per share.

Limited-60 per cent. discount. S. Watson & Co., Limited -32 per cent. Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf, and Godown Co., Limited-29 per cent. prem. Singapore Insurance Company, Limited \$22 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A-2 per cent. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B-6 per cent.

Hongkong and Macao Glass Manufacturing Co.,

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C-8 per cent. Chinese Imperial Loan, 1886 E-5; per cent Chinece Imperial Government 1885 Dollar Loan -3 per cent. premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE

Thermometer-1 P.M. (Wet bulb). Thermometer-ir.m. (Wet bulb)

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

17th March, 1887, at 4 r.m. 29,51 31

The Barometer is falling and gradients for N.E. winds as W. DOBEECK. Hougkons Observatory, 28th March, 1881

1.—Basomerus reduced to 33 degrees Enhvenheit and to 2. -THYPEHATURE in the shade in degrees Fabronheit. .- Humoury in percentage of esturation, the humidity of air saturature with moisture being 100. 4.—Diskurios of the Wind to two points,

6.—Force of the Wind according to Besufart Scale.

of the Weather B. blue sky; C. Hetsched clouds: D. drizzling rain; F. fog; G. gloomy; H. hail; L. lightning; O. overcast; P. passing showers; Q. aqually; H. rain; S. mow; T. thunder; V. visibility; W. dew (wet).
7.—Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

W. DOBERCK Hongkong Observatory, 28th March, 1887.

NEWS FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL

THE DISCUSSION ON THE OPIUM

The speech of the Acting Attorney-General in moving the second reading of the new Opium Bill at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Friday, though sourewhat prolix, was a lucid explanation of the direumstances that led to the conclusion of the agreement arrived at by the Joint Commission, of the position of the Colony in connection with the Additional Article of the Chefoo Convention. and of the scope and objects of the proposed legislation. This speech should be carefully perused by every person engaged in trade in their i nings for 54 runs. The match was therethis Colony, in order that they may form fore won by the Club. British Government signed the Additional Article to the Chefoo Convention in July, effort clause 7 of Section III, of the Contontion, and the Joint Commission was therefore appointed, sat, and discussed various schemes, of which the Hongkong Commismoner has undoubtedly selected the one least open to objection. It was impossible to devise a plan that would meet with universal ap-Bill would be found invulnerable to attack. The opium merchants have pointed out that the clause imposing regular inspection of stocks by the Opium Farmer was objectionable as giving him inquisitorial powers, a natural and reasonable objection which it is satisfuctory to learn from Mr. ACKROYD will receive due sitention from the Government, who now-propose to shift that duty on to the Gmbam. shoulders of the Harbour Master. The ob- T. S. Smith jections of the retail dealers to the Bill, how- | Giles 60 - 83 ever, will be difficult to meet, and we await with interest the proposals they have to make. But we hope that no proposal involving the collection of Chinese duties in the Colony-whether by Government or by Chinese agents-will either be made or entertained. For many years we have been protesting against the constant infringement by Chinese officials of the rights J.R. abuse which the Government have either

Government of the duty of collecting even a

portion of their revenue should be strenuous-

opium deserve sympathy and merit whatever

assistance can be given to them to continue

their trade, but it must not be forgotten

that it is the Additional Article which, by

removing the collectorate of the duties from

the Haikwan, has abolished his competition

with the Foreign Customs and destroyed the

in the Colony revive it. We think it is to be regretted that the Government could not see their way to a longer adjournment to give the dissenting parties more time to consider the quostion. but it must be confessed that it would be a pleasant trip, and the best of good fortune at swkward for a new Administrator to have to home to a gentleman who has been long connecttake up so "important a question with possibly no previous knowledge of the subject. It seems to us a great pity that the Agreement and Bill were not introduced earlier in the session. It is, however, most advisable say, a cricket enthusiast. He has devoted a great that the Council should have the assistance | deal of his time to the affairs of the Club, being of the Chief Justice in considering the Bill off and on Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, in Committee, and an adjournment that and sometimes both. In these positions he would deprive them of this assistance is to. has done his duty so well that I think the prebe deprecated. The adjournment is regret- sent position of the Hongkong Cricket Club, both sbly short, but the parties concerned will forts. We must recollect that the time which be allowed to be represented by counsel, and Mr. Foss has devoted to this Cricket Club he thus be enabled to propose for the considera- could in some cases ill spare. He is a very busy tion of the Legislature any modifications, man of business and I dare say a great deal of amendments, or suggestions which can be his recreation time has been taken up in the them. made, and the unofficial members of Council service of the Club. The position of Hon. will be able to criticise the Bill in Com- Secretary and Treasurer Is not a light one. Those mittee. It is to be hoped that they will all who are not connected with the Club little know take part in the discussion and let their it was very kind of Mr. Fess to volunteer to de views be made freely known. On Friday these duties. In Mr. Foss we lose a great support they maintained a discreet reserve, with the to our Club. He is going home and we do not know exception of the Hen. P. Ryziz, whom we whether for good or not. We hope he may come were sorry to see execute such a startling back to us. There has been a very generally volts face. For some twenty years the expressed wish to mark his departure from the senior unofficial member has consistently Colony in some way, and the members have joined and energetically denounced the blockade of the colony maintained by the before he goes home to mark our appreciation Revenue cruisers, yet at the eleventh of his long services in connection with the Club. hour, when there is a fair prospect of I have much pleasure in presenting you, Mr. this being practically removed on conditions Foss, with this little case; and I hope it will better than we could have hoped to secure, ever be a pleasant souvenir of the many good he denounces the Bill as a measure that will wishes and kind friends you have left behind. "destroy the freedom of the port," If we (Cheers). believed for one moment that this would be that his colleagues will lend him their most enthest support. The question is not only and other places. (Applause.) I thank you, one fraught with the highest importance to gentlemen, for your very handsome present the interests of the Colony, but it presses (Cheers.) for immediate solution. Sir ROBERT HART

is at the door asking for the fulfilment of the agreement signed in September last, and behind him the Chinese Government demanding the execution of the conditions of the Chefoo Convention. It is, however, because we most fully believe that the agreement will at least minimise the grievances we have had to complain of in the past, and that it will effectually conserve the freedom of the port in the future, at the same what steps should be taken by the Chinese portime maintaining British prestige and au- tion of the population of this Colony in connecthority unimpaired, that we accept it tion with the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. with that satisfaction and relief which The Hon. Wong Shing presided. The following arise from finding the inevitable less dis. gentlemen also attended the meeting-Mestre. agreeable and irksome than was expected. Finally, there is consolation even for the dubious: should the Ordinance be found be injurious either to the trade or revenue Mo Akow, Fung Wa Chun, &c., &c. of the Colony, the Government will have the Hon. Wong Shing, addressing the meeting, 4.—No person except the Opium Farmer shall and liabilities with reference to Opium under With regard to the means to meet the cost, right to repeal it.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB v. SERVICES.

B for S1, and Bomb. Giles 2 for 33

were all disposed of for miserable sorces. Bram- port it. woll, who went in first, was playing carefully and

with him, and, thanks to these two, the Services 101. Bramwell's 32 was a most creditable dis- for the protection afforded to them. In 1869, Farmer or his Agent, and shall not be used or play, and Drow's 15 was well put together. Barff secured 5 wickets for 47: Wilson 4 for 39, and E. J. Coxon 1 for 4. After the usual interval, the Club commenced their second innings. Only three, however, reached double figures. Robertson of course was one. Col. Ryan caught him for 15. Holworthy ran

up a similar score, and Barff put 10 to his credit. As the analysis shows, the Services' bowling was very deadly. Travers sent down 8 maidens in succession. The fielding, too, was much better in this innings than in the first; in fact, the men appeared to play up with more spirit. Graham made an excellent catch, low down, in the slips: The innings closed for 87.

and Graham 3 for 57. would make a game of it, having disposed of a of the residents, was to build a Chinese Fauthorising the transhipment or removal of good batting team so cheaply; but it was not to be. A rot set in at once and three wickets 18. 13. and 10 respectively opposite their names. The bowling of E. J. Coxon and Wilson was most effective, the former crediting himself with 6 wickets for 24 runs and the latter 4 for 6. The neatness and judgment of two carches made meetings. They had, even for the discussion of be closed before application for a permit may be in the long field by Tomes was very fine. The the matter in hand, to come to that hospital, for made, it shall be lawful for the Agent or the Club's fielding was also much better than usual. So far as the bowling and fielding is concerned they had no other place eligible. It was their Opium without a permit, and to deliver any

their own opinion upon it, and learn for We-congratulate the Club on their success memorial of the fiftieth year of her Majesty's apply for the necessary permit, and farnish the during the season in which they only lost one reign. While residing in this colony, the particulars requisite. ACKROYD clearly demonstrated, when the match, and that was last Saturday-" Paradise | Chinese were treated as British subjects, and 11.—Any person offending against or not com-

the Officers of the Northamptonshire Regiment, during the coming celebration of the Jubilee. not exceeding \$500, and any Opium so imported 1885, they pledged themselves to carry into their Band played a most pleasing selecting dur. In no other country in the world were aliens so or exported or stored or moved or attempted to ing the afternoon.

The following is the full score:-THE HONGXONG CRICKET CLUB. c Ryan, b Travers... proval, and it was unlikely that any Opium C. E. Helwerthy, c Smith, b Gra-

> BOWLING ANALYSIS. Balls, Runs, Maidens, Wickets, Wides

UNITED SERVICES. M. D. Graham, beth, b Bmff 4 o Tomes, b E. J. Cozen L. H. Travem, coud h Baist 6 c.Tomes, b E. J. Cozon: of a British Colony and a free port, an Col. Ryan, B.A., not out 4 1b w, b E. J. Cozon... been unable or unwilling to put down. In: deed the existence in the Colony of an agency. of the Haikwan has of late been almost an ac-Inowledged institution. The place has always been overrun by his spies, one evil at least BOWLING ANALYSIS. from which the new agreement will deliver us.

ly resisted. The bonest retail dealers in Barn

> PRESENTATION BY THE HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB TO MR. H. FOSS.

At the conclusion of the cricket match on bulk of that trade. The rejection of the Saturday afternoon, the 26th March, Mr. nor would the sale of duty paid certificates the Hongkong Cricket Club, presented to Mr. and hearty approval of all present. H. Foss, late Hon. Secretary and Treasurer with a handsome gold watch, as a mark of their appreciation of the services rendered by him luring his long connection with the Club.

Mr. Coxon, in making the presentation, said -We are met here, gentlemen, to wish good-bye, ed with cricketing circles in Hongkong. I refer to our esteemed friend, Mr. Foss. Mr. Foss's connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club extends over a period of some 17 or 18 years. During that time he has been, one might almost how many details there are to be attended to; and together and were good enough to appoint me as

Mr. Foss-I thank you for your very kind the effect of the Bill we would beartily join Mr present. I am afraid you have over-estimated Exert in protesting against it, but not un- were they were given for the genuine love of our less we could show some reason for the be-, noble game. (Applause.)' I do not know whether lief. If, however, the hon, member has an I shall ever return to Hongkong; but I trust alternative scheme to propose, freer from that I shall have the pleasure of seeing another objection than the proposed Bill, we hope he well fought match on the ground. In my will lose no time in bringing it forward, and absence it will interest me much to hear of the old Club, and I hope that next year I may hear | trade in Opium" :-

THE CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE IN HONGKONG.

MEETING OF CHINESE RESIDENTS. A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Chinese residents was held on Sunday. the 27th March, in the Tung Wah Hospital, Hongkong, for the purpose of considering Ho Amei (Manager of On Tai Insurance Co.) Wei Yuk, Chan Ping (Yuen Fat Hong), Woo the waters thereof or receive therein Opium ex- 19.—Excise Officers duly appointed under the pressed himself disposed to undertake the erec- of November last, with enclosures, relative to will in no way be hartful to Great Britain. Lin Yuen (Manager of Man On Insurance Co.), cept in whole chests, and no person shall be deemed to be Er- tion and defray the expense of keeping up a the proposed construction by the Colony of a Without doubt Mr. Russell's talents and wisdom 10 Sin Fat Fun, Lee Sing, Ho Tim, Lenng On, mitted to export from the Colony or its waters cise Officers for the purposes of this Ordinance Light, provided that the Government can Light, provided the Government can Light, provided the Government

said that there had already been a proposal made have in his possession or dider his custody or this Ordinance as they have with reference to which is estimated by Sir Robert Hart, at ninety Public Works at present in course of construction the merit he deserves as the originator of it. lation and by most of the Chinese. Another Governor may require.

on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of seted upon until it is so signed. Edinburgh, the Chinese took a prominent part | 8 .- Every person moving Opium for exportain the rejoicing, and he saw no reason why tion shall before doing so, send to the Harbour they should not do the same now. It was said Master a requisition in form of Schedule C that the Victoria Park would be for the benefit furnishing the particulars therein required, of the Chinese as well as the Europeans. That whereupon the Harbour Master shall grant an might be so. He could only say for himself that export permit in the form of Schedule D authohe had not been to the Race Course, where he vising the said Opinm to be experted, and such understood the Park was to be laid out, for more permit shall be exhibited at the Opium Farmer's than ten years. They wished to do something to | Office, and shall not be used or acted upon until show their loyalty to the Queen, and they were it is so signed. in favour of some scheme which while serving | 9 .- Every person moving Opium from one as a fitting memorial of Her Majesty's long and place to another within the Colony or transhipprosperous reign, should, at the same time, be ping Opinm within the waters thereof shall would, in his opinion, be a fitting and suitable Master's Office is opened the said Agent shall it behoved them, as British subjects, to give plying with any of the provisions of sections By kind permission of Colonel Anderson and some evidence of their loyalty and gratitude 8,9, 10, shall be liable on conviction to a penulty well treated as they were on British soil. He be imported or exported or stored or moved con-

her of Commerce should be called the Victoria shall be seized and forfeited Library. Although it was their intention to 12 .- Every importer of Opium shall keep They had constantly high officials visiting placed upon it. Hongkong and they had downere they could Every offence for non-compliance with the rereceive them. It was a disgrace to the Chi- quirements of this section shall be punishable nese in this colony, that in such, a place as with a fine not exceeding \$200." in the newspapers that the Chinese had proposed for the forfeiture of junk and cargo. to erect certain statues and that this scheme had | - Special Permits or Night Clearances hitherto fallen through. It was not their intention to | grantable under Ordinance 8 of 1879, section 38, allow the same to be said of this proposal. What sub-sections 8 and 9 shall be no longer-allowed.

ever resolution was come to at the present meet- 14.—On the coming into operation of this ing must be carried out. During the period that | Ordinands, every person having in his possession, Sir John Pope Hennessy was Governor in this | costody, or control any Opium within the Colony Colony, he had sauctioned the grant of the Re- orits waters shall furnish to the Harbour Master creation Ground to the Chinese for this pur- is account of the number of chests with marks pose but in the time of Governor Bowen this and numbers so held, and the Opium Farmer was cancelled. They were still permitted to shall be at liverty at any time during the term make use of it as a recreation ground, but it was, of his exclusive privilege, and as often as he shall very little good to them since there had been think fit, but not exceeding five times in each built a latring at one end and a dust bin at the lealendar month, to domand in writing from every other, while at any time the Government might person having any Opinm in his possession, see fit to sell it. In the matter, too, of the Tung | castody, or control, an account in writing of the Wah Hospital, the English Government had sub- Opium so held at the time of such demand, and scribed \$100,000, and therefore they had a voice of the marks and numbers upon the chests conin its management. But the Chamber of Com- thining the same, and the Opium Farmer or his merce, which they proposed to build, would be agent shall be at liberty at any time between the Works, and the Military Defences will exhaust reef lying near to its Southern end. subscribed to wholly and solely by the Chinese, hours of six in the morning and six at night, the reserve of previous years and also the A light on this Island would probably be oband they would, therefore, have sole control over and not oftener than five times in each calendar Lican of £200,000. A new Gool is urgently its' management. If the meeting decided on month, to enter the premises where such Opium wanted the cost of which will be \$400,000, and light, but as the proposed light is intended more port it. He hoped to see the merchants and rea onable cause shown to permit such entry, or two years. There will be full employment there be raised to show over adjacent Islands.

traders subscribe in no niggardly manner. Mr. LEUNG ON observed that if there were of pouristion, to a penalty not exceeding five to come. any present who did not agree with the scheme hundred dollars. now. It was not their wish that the scheme therised under this Ordinance, to have been im-

ed that this time the scheme would be carried out successfully.

no doubt of its being carried out sac clest of Opium which shall be found to have that the construction of a Light on a rock, thircessfully if, as it should do, it received been so imported, or to be so missing. the support of all the Chinese in Hongkong. He trusted that every trade and pro- refuse, or shall without sufficient cause nureason- should be undertaken by Chinese, but there are fession would subscribe with a free hand. Al. ably delay to do any of the acts or things heremost every nation here, even the Japanese and inbefore provided and required to be done by Portuguese, had their public meeting places, him, he shall be liable to a penalty for each such while the Chinese, who were in a majority in this offence not exceeding five hundred dollars. colony, had no place suitable for public meetings. 17. Every person who shall under the pro-Mr. Wing Kee thought they should have a visions of this Ordinance make any application, statue of one of the Chinese deities in the library. He thought Taze Tso, the founder of the Chi- or other written Statement required by this nese literature, would be an appropriate one.

had Chinese temples for such delties, and he did or unable, from sickness, to attend to business, not think such a building as the one proposed in which case the same may be signed by his was a fit or suitable place for the reception of Agent for him; and if any such application, to be no opposition to the scheme proposed, and or in part, to the knowledge of the person so

Reading Room." Mr. WEI YUK accorded the resolution, which penalties of the like amount. was carried without a single dissentient voice. A Committee was then selected, representative of every trade and profession, to carry out the scheme, consisting of President, Mr. Ho Kwan Shan: Vice-President, Mr. Wei Yuk: Treasurer, Mr. Lee Yuk Hang; Secretary, Mr.

The proceedings, were throughout in the Chinese language, and were kindly interpreted

THE NEW OPIUM ORDINANCE. The following is the text of the bill entitled

"An Ordinance for the better regulating of the

2.-Opium in this Ordinance means raw, of such dwelling houses, shop, or other building, within the jurisdiction of the English Governcrude, or unprepared Opium. Chest of Opium means the package; with the tor such ship, and every part thereof, and re- building and maintenance of the proposed Light- The Honourable Frederick Stewart, LL.D., opium therein, such as is usually imported move by force any obstruction to such entry, house. by merchants in the Colony.

or things by water.

Opium except in whole chasts. .

Harbour Master a regulation in the form of dealt with according to law. Mr. Ho Amer thought that the Chinese re- Schedule A giving the particulars therein sidents should do something to show their loyalty | required, whereupon the Harbour Master shall On getting to work again the next day Drew on the occasion of celebrating the fiftieth year farnish a permit in the form of Schedule B was the only man Bramwell could get to stay of Her Majesty's reign. They were traders and anthorising the Opium to be landed and stored merchants in the Colony, and he thought they and such permit shall be exhibited at the Opium reached the three figures, the innings closing for | ought to take some steps to show their gratitude | Farmer's Office, and shall be signed by the

of some benefit to the Chinese people. The before doing so, furnish to the Harbour Master Travers secured 7 wickets at a cost of 17 runs, scheme, therefore, which he had to pro. a requisition properly filled up in the form of pose to them, and which he understood was Schedule E, whereupon the Harbour Master At this stage it looked as though the Services regarded very favourably by a great number shall furnish a permit in the form of Schedule Chamber of Commerce. There was no doubt the said Opium, which permit shall be exhibited that such an institution was very much at the Opium Farmer's office and shall be signed fell for 4 runs. Lloyd, Scanlan, and Graham put needed. He might say it was indispensable by the Farmer or his agent, and shall not be rlongkong was the entrepot for the Commerce of used or acted upon uptil it has been so signed. Asia; and yet the Chinese had no place where 10 .- In the event of the arrival at or departhey could discuss matters relating to commerce | ture from the Colony of any steamer corrying and trade in particular, and also hold general Opium when the Harbour Office is closed or may the purpose of holding a public meeting, because Agents of the said steamer to land or ship any in the second innings of both elevens the cricket intention that the building should contain, bet Opium so landed to the owner or consignees was above the average. The Services closed sides a hall for discussions and meetings, a free thereof, or to keep the same in his or their own library and reading room. Such an institution custody, but so soon thereafter as the Harbour

proposed that the library in the Chinese Cham- trary to the provisions of the foregoing sections

celebrate the Jubilee in this way, yet, when Register shewing the number of chests imported ever the European residents decided to cele- by him and how and to whom it was disposed of brate it, they should be willing to do their Marks and Government numbers in the case of part in the matter of illuminations, &c., and the Bengal drug shall be given, and such other on the same date. Some such institution, works or numbers in the case of other sorts of however, as he had proposed was necessary. Opium as the Harbour Master may require to be

Hongkong, a noted commercial city, they should | 13 .- No junk or other Chinese craft, whether have no hall within which they could celebrate licensed or not, shall leave the waters of the any public event. If approved of by Govern. Colony, unless the safety of the vessel (through ment they intended to utilise a building next the stress of weather) shall render it necessary, be-Man Mo Temple. If they found that such a tween the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from Octobuilding prospered they might, on a future oc. ber to March inclusive, her between the hours casion, venture to erect a larger place. The of 7 pm, and 5 s.m. from April to September library would be supplied with Chinese and inclusive, under a panalty, on conviction before foreign periodicals and books. It was mentioned two Stipendiary Magistrates, not exceeding \$500,

giving a false or incorrect account shall be liable.

A GENTLEMAN, whose name did not transpire, it was stored on importation, or from the place of the Colony during the last few years; and as to the present dues would soon pay it off. said that he remembered that the idea of build- where, according to the permits, it ought to be the representatives of the interests which will ing such an institution had been mosted before, found stored, the person in whose possession such derive the principal benefit from the construcbut had been allowed to fall through. He trust Opium so imported may be found, or in whose tion of the Light-house offer to bear one half of miralty Chart. mme such Opium so missing shall have been so the cost, I recommend the proposal of the Chamstored, shall be liable, on conviction, to a penalty ber of Commerce for favourable consideration. Mr. Ho Amer remarked that there could be not exceeding five hundred dollars for every

16.—If the Opium Farmer shall neglect or or surply any particulars, Return, or Account Mr. Ho Aner objected to this proposal. They same himself, unless he be absent from the Colony

particulars, Return, Account, or other State-Hon. Would Shing observed that there seemed | ment shall be false or incorrect, either in whole suggested that the resolution should be put to making or supplying the same, whether the same be signed by himself or by his Agent, such Mr. Ho Amer then formally proposed the person shall, in every case not otherwise providresolution. "That the celebration of the Queen's led for by this Ordinance, be liable on conviction Jubilee, by the Chinese residents of this colony. to a penalty not exceeding One Thousand Dollars take the form of the building of a Chinese Cham- for the first offence, and Two Thousand for ber of Commerce, and Public Library and lovery subsequent offence; and such Agent shall also and in like manner if offending be liable to

18 .- Any Justice of the Peace may, by hi warrant directed to any Police Officer, not under the rank of a Sorgeant, empower him by day or by night to enter and search any dwelling house. shop, or other building or place, or any ship not being a man-of-war or ship having such status. Ho Yak Shang; and thirty-three other gentle- lying or being within the waters of the Colony, any case in which it shall appear to such Justice of the Peace, upon the oath of any person, that there is good and sufficient cause to believe that in any such dwelling house, shop, or other building or place, or on board any such ship is concealed or deposited any Opium subject to forfeiture under this Ordinance, or as to which an offence has been committed against any of the provisions of this Ordinance, and to take possession, of any such Opium found to be concealed, or deposited therein, and of the ship in which the same may be found and to arrest Whereas it is expedient to regulate and con- and take any person, or persons being in such the Legislative Council thereof, as follows: - found, or when the said officer may have good urgency of the case demands. 1.—This Ordinance and the Opium Ordinance and Sufficient reason to suspect to have concent-

or place, and enter thereinto, and forcibly on- ment, and that no funds were available for the search, seizure, and removal as aforesaid, and In the epinion of the Committee, these objec-3.—No person shall bring into the Colony or on a Sunday as well as on any other day.

by the Europeans of this colony, to celebrate the control Opium in quantities less than one chest. prepared Opium under the principal Ordinance. thousand dollars, I am desired by the Committee tion at Hongkong, and as this year's Estimates Mr. Justice Russell once filled the post of Re-Queen's Jubilee by the formation of a Park, to 5.—It shall be the duty of the Opium Farmer 20.—It shall be lawful for any Police or Ex- to state that the majority of the representatives have been already apportioned, it would not be gistrar. General and is well versed in Chinese be called "Victoria Park." This proposal was to keep a Register of the Opium supplied to him cise Officer to arrest without warrant any person of the Ocean Steam-ship Companies, and of advisable that the work should be carried out at literature and official rules. It is on this acobjected to by a portion of the European popu- and give such details as to its disposal as the within the Colony whom he reasonably suspects privately owned steamers and sailing vessels ar- present. to be conveying or to have concealed on his per- riving from the south, are disposed to acquiesce | S.—I would, however, suggest that the sub- garded from an English or Chinese point of The return match between the above elevens proposal, and one which had found favour with 6.—Any person offending against the provi- son any Opium in contravention of the require- in the payment of one cent per ton extra light jest should be considered in connection with the view. His abilities are sure to receive early rewas commenced on Friday, the 25th March, in a large number of Chinese, was the building of sions of Bections 8 and 4, shall, on conviction be-ments of this Ordinance and to take him before dues, for the term of three years, or longer if estimates for 1888, when, if the Chinese Govern- cognition from the rulers [of both China and splendid weather on a very fast wicket. The Club a school for Chinese females. here was also fore a vagistrate to be dealt with according to law. necessary, as a contribution to the ment, and the Chamber of Commerce still con- Great Britain and to be rewarded in no ordincommenced batting and put together a total of 139. a special day to be set spart for a general holiday, ing \$1,000, and the forfeiture of the Opium, or 21.—It shall be lawful for any Inspector of Po- proposed Light-house. Robertson's 19 was well made, but the 41 contri- on which occasion there should be illuminations, in default imprisonment with or without hard lice or an Excise Officer, having reasonable buted by Holworthy was made more by good &c. He had noticed that the papers mentioned labour for a period not receding 3 months, or ground tor believing that there is Opium in any fully fifteen thousand dollars per annum, which this account, I shall not withhold my sanction. luck than good management. Dick hit at every- also that the Chinese had intended to erect the Magistrate may order a period of imprison- ship within the waters of the Colony in contra- sum, added to the surplus revenue derived from 4.—I do not, however, clearly understand why thing and fluked 12. Sawyer's 15 was a next statues of Sir R. Hart, that the light-house

The Services commenced badly, Scanlan's the celebration of the Jubilee. If the majority the Harbour Master giving the number of chests, Inspector to take the Opium so found, together stumps being shot out of the ground by Wilson of the meeting were in favour of the Victoria and shall, before landing such Opium or any with the person in whose custody, passession or ling on the favourable solution of this matter, a letter from the Beard of Trady to whom a copy for 11. Graham, Travers, Lloyd, and Matthews Park schime, he should be very pleased to sup- part thereof, send or cause to be sent to the control it is found, before a Magistrate, to be and the Committee, in representation of the an- of your despatch and draft of this reply was

PROPOSED LIGHT-HOUSE ON GAP ROCK.

The following correspondence was presented the Legislative Council on the 25th March:-THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERN-MENT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

FOR THE COLONIES. Government House, . Hougkong, 25th November, 1886. Bir.—I have the honour to forward, foryour consideration, copy of a letter from the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce in which I am request-

ed to represent to you the argent necessity for the erection of a Light-house for the Southern appreach to Hongkong, and to submit a proposal recently made by Sir Robert Hart, the Inspector-General of the Chinese Imperial Customs. behalf of the Chinese Government to contruct-this Light-house, if the Colony will guarantee the cost not to exceed \$90,000. Chinese Government will bear the cost of maintenance of this Light, if the Colony will provide the means of occasional communication in order to supply stores, water, &c.

2.-The Chamber of Commerce state that the majority of the representative of the Ocean Steam-ship Companies and of privately owned steamers and sailing vessels, arriving from the South, are willing to acquiesce in the payment of one cent. per ton extra Light Dues for the torm of three years or longer if necessary, as a contribution to the cost of the proposed Lighthouse. It is estimated that these extra dues would realize fully fifteen thousand dollars per annum, and the Chamber ask that an equivalent whereof about \$9,000 are applied to the upkeep of the Light-houses.

3.—Before forwarding this letter I thought

it desirable to visit the different rocks and islands to the South of the Colony accompanied by Officers competent to express an opinion as to the best situation for this Light. Commodore Morant, the Senior Naval Officer in the Port. having kindly placed H. M. S. Heroine at my disposal, the different places were visited by me on 27th September last, accompanied by the Commodore, by the Surveyor General, and by the Harbour Master and the Assistant Harbour Master. It will be seen from the annexed reports of these Officers that the Gap Rock, about thirty miles to the South of Hongkong, is considered to be the best situation for a Lighthouse, and this opinion coincides with those that have been expressed on several previous occasions. 4.—As the question of a Light-house and of one on the Gap Rock, in particular, is not a new one, I beg to refer to the previous correspondence quoted in the margin. I submit also, for your aformation, a Minute which I laid before the Council on the 17th September last in reply to a question put by the Honourable A. P. MacEwen to the following effect :- "To call for correspondence between Captain McLear of H. M.S. Flying Fish and the Government, with the Mi-Rock or its vicinity and to move a resolution on | Gap Rock. The landing here is difficult, but open the Club on the 31st instant.

the subject." 5.-The financial position of the Colony, as I have had the honour to report in several occasions, renders it necessary to exercise strict economy although the Revenue is steadily increas-Last year it yielded \$1.251,890, the highest hitherto received, if the exceptionally large i is left out of consideration. This year the could so fer as draught of water is concerned, revenue will probably exceed \$1,300,000, and lie alongside either island. should the arrangement recently made by the vention be approved, the increase in future years will be very considerable. On the other hand, however, there are many public works urgently is Reef Island, and seems to be the only one fore for any surplus revenue during some years

6.—The erection of a Light-house on the Gap | clear Channel between them (see foot note). 7.—It does not seem to have been ever danied ness Empire is, properly speaking, a work that i so many Lights which the Government of that i Country proposes to erect when it has the neces-

by it of one on the Gap Rock. Walsham for the information of the Chinese sal from that Government for the erection of point of view.

sary funds that I fear a considerable time will

the Light-house.--I have, &c.,

Colonies, London. ENCLOSURE 1. CHAIRMAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO

ACTING COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce Hongkong, 28th September, 1886. Sir.-With reference to this Chamber's letter of the 8th July, on the subject of a Light-house on the Gap Rock. I have the honour to inform on that the following resolution referring to this matter, was unanimously passed at a special

meeting of the Committee held to-day :-Resolved :- "That in view of the imperative necessity which exists for a Light-house to be placed on, or in the neighbourhood of the Gap Rock at the Southern approach to this Port. His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government be requested to make a direct application to the Secretary of State for the Colonies for a special grant from the Light Dues levied in the Colony at present, sufficient to cover the cost of

Agreeably to the spirit of this resolution. I now beg, on behalf of the Committee of this sheet of glass, and this exceptional season might some mistake the lekin collectors were taken Chamber, to request that His Excellency the be availed of to effect a first landing of med, away from the stations outside Hongkong on the Administrator will be pleased to give effect to materials, and stores. the above expressed opinion by bringing this imtrol the movement of. Raw Opium within the dwelling house, shop, or other building, or place, portant matter to the notice of the Secretary of select that position for a Light house which best. For nearly the whole of February no lekin was Colony and waters thereof: Be it enacted by or on board any such ship, in whose possession, State for the Colonies, coupled with such recom- meets maritime requirements and to subordinate | collected on account of this mistake, and the the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of custody, or control any such Opium may be mendation as His Excellency may consider the to this all other considerations in respect of in- market here went up because of the demand this

Ship in this Ordinance and in the principal may detain every person found in such place tions are not valid at the present day, that so SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES TO Ordinance shall be construed so as to include until the said place shall have been searched, and far as the question of erecting a Light-house on any steam vessel, junk, boat, sampan, or any all informations to be laid and all warrants Chinese territory is concerned, and its mainkind of craft used for conveyance of persons to be issued, and all arrests and seizures to be tenance, all meterial obstacles have been remade under this Ordinance, may be had or done moved by the recent offer of Sir Robert Hart, on behalf of the Chinese Government, has ex- receipt of your Despatch, No. 369, of the 25th and shall have the like powers, duties, rights arrange to meet the co.t of its construction. by the Chinese Government.

he thought that they, also, should take part in any Opinm shall forthwith report the same to seize any so found, and it shall be lawful for such of the gast these extra dues would be respected. not been entertained.

The foregoing facts have an important bearnually increasing mercantile and steam-shipping, communicated.—I have, &c., interests of the Colony, beg that His Excellency portance of this question to navigation.—I have,

P. Rykie, Chairman. The Honourable F. Stewart, LL.D., Acting Colonial Secretary.

ENCLOSURE 2. COMMODORE MORANT TO THE OFFICER A MINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT. Victor Emanuel, at Hongkong,

30th September, 1886. SIR,-In reply to your Excellency's letter dated 28th instant. No. 172 G. resquesting my opinion on the different rocks and islands visited on the 27th instant in H.M.S. Heroine, with a view of determining the position where a light-house should be placed for vessels approaching Hongkong from the south. I have the honour to report that I consider the Gap Rock the best position for the light-house, it being the S.W. extreme of the Lema and Kypong Islands, and is, in itself, bold with a channel on each side, and it has the further advantage of being, when once rounded, a good guide for ships in side these islands until Cape D'Aguilar light is sighted. Reef Island perhaps is more accessible for attendance, on the Light-house, but it is, in my opinion, objectionable in so far that it has outving reefs off, its. Southern extremity, and the Gap Rock lying nearly two miles to the West-

It has to be borne in mind that ships making for this passage are coming from South and South-west, and therefore, in thick weather, might in looking for the light on Reef Island regard to the Extension of the Praya, and find themselves on the top of the Gap Rock. With regard to a light being placed Taitami Island, there is the objection of the and the Colonial S pretary, Mr. MacEwen also Cambridge Rock being on one side of the chansum should be taken out of the existing Light | nel and the Mosquito Rock being out ide the in the Treaty ports by the return of unstamped Dues which realize about \$25,000 per annum, point; therefore if this Island was lighted it letters by the Hongkong Post Office. The whereof about \$9,000 are applied to the upkeep might lead to ships going on these annum. Acting Attorney-General moved the second might lead to ships going on these sunken dangers through misjudging their distance from the light in thick weather .- I have, &c.,

J. DIGHT MORANT, Commodore.

ENGLOSURE 3. HARBOUR MASTER TO ACTING COLONIAL

SECRETARY. Hongkong, 4th October, 18:6. HONOURABLE COLONIAL SECRETARY,-The following report has reference to a light to be soon at a distance of 20 miles, and therefore the height of the lantern should not be less than 200 feet from High water level :-

1st.—I am of opinion that the Gap Rock (90 feet high,) being the outer danger of the Kypong Island Group, is the most proper site for an outside light for the approaches to Hongkong from the Southward. But as the rook is small, and at no times could a boat land there, difficulties of communication would arise, makhouse on this spot very costly.

A light on the Gap Rock would probably be obscured between the bearings N.E. and E. b N. 1 N. from the rook 2nd,—The next best place for a site is on an nutes thereon, respecting a Light-house on Gap | Island N. 65 deg. E. nearly one mile from the

the Island being larger the difficulties would

probably not be so great as at Gap Rock, and Light house should not be so much. A light on this Island would be little inferior in point of position to one on the Gan Rock, as the Channel between these Islands is deep and clear amount of duty received on Opium in 1898 of any danger (see foot note). In fact a ship between Queen's rout Contral and the Praya.

A light on this Island would probably be Commissioners appointed under the Chefoo Con- obscored between N.E. and East from the Light-

3rd.—The next island offering itself as a site

Reef Island lies East 12 miles from Gap Rock with, excepting the before mentioned reef, a just proposed, he hoped they would say so plainly - 15.—If any Opium is found, on search au- Rock is at the same time a question of consider- A light on Gap Rock or its close neighbourably greater importance at the present day than | hood would complete the Light-house require-Note.—Imray's Chart shows a rock with 22 feet on it in this Channel, but it does not appear on any Ad-

H. G. THOMSETT, R.N., Havbour Master.

ENCLOSURE 4. ty miles from Hongkong, belonging to the Chi- Surveyor General to Acting Colonial SECRETARY. Public Works Department, 20th November, 1886.

Sir.—Adverting to the proposition of an ad- cretary.) ditional great sea-light for ships approaching About ninep. m. on the 24th inst. a firebroke out clapse if the Colony waits for the construction Hongkong from the South or South-West, I am at No. 34, Bonham Strand West, a Chinese drug of opinion, after a personal cruise round the islats shop. The fire was caused by the overturning 8.—I have forwarded copies of the several re- and rocks to the South of the Island, that the of a kerosine lamp. The fire engines were at once ports enclosed in this Despatch to Sir John Gap Rock will be found the best site for a on the spot, and Captain Deane, Superintendent Light-house as regards the requirements of Wodehouse, Assistant Superintendent Horspool Ordinance to be made or supplied, shall sign the Government, and I have suggested that he navigators, although it is undoubtedly an extend Mr. Brewer, Superintendent engineer, were should endeavour to obtain a more formal propo- tremely unfavourable site from a builder's in attendance. The flames, however, had a

The reason I would give the preference to the No. 35 was also burned out at the back Gap Rock is that it is among the outermost or and No. 32 was damaged by water. During the The Right Hon, the Secretary of State for the first points of land visible to ships approach confusion caused by the fire, a man selzed the oping the coast from the China Sea, and portunity to steal a box containing about \$2.000 that a light placed upon it may be retain and attempted to escape with it. He was captured ed in view for 20 miles after a ship has by a Sikh conetable and taken, with his booty, left it behind or until it is able to pick up to the Police Station. One of the coolies be the actual Green Island light, an advantage that longing to a Fire Insurance Company, while would be lost, if the light were placed elsewhere on his way to the scene of the conflagration, as the other islets are so situated as to cause dropped down dead, presumably through excitethem to shut each other out of view from the di- ment

rection of Hongkong. The highest point of the Gap Rock is only gislative Council on the 25th inst. the question about 90 feet above mean sea level. In order was raised us to whether the Tls. 80 per picul new therefore to enable the proposed light to be seen | payable as lekin on opium is an increase on the at a distance of 20 geographical miles, a tower former rate. Previous to the new arrangements-

about 110 feet high will be requisite. The configuration of the rook is very steep, ing, and it was increased as the Joint Commission almost precipitous nearly on all sides, but there was coming on and while it sat, but the highest are one or two places that shelve down to the to which it reached (including hoifong, etc.) was water's edge, which would make a land feasible 78 taels a chest for Patna and 50 taels for Malwaon a very calm day. As far as I have been able | On the 20th January it was reduced to 50 tacks to judge access can be made effectual at all times and 40 tacks respectively. There is a difference n fair weather by means of a derrick-crane with between a chest of Patna and a picul, a chest a fifty-foot jib, a lodgement for the foundation | weighing 120 cattles, or 1.1-5th piculs. Lekin of which can be made by cutting out a place in therefore is now 96 tuels a chest for Patns. the solid rook above the reach of ordinary storm | Malwa weighs about a picula chest, and the lokin

March and April when the sea is as smooth as a serious advance. We hear also that owing to

Some years since, when this subject was sub- tenance. If therefore following this principle sales showed a higher figure than the previous of 1884; hereinafter called the principal Ordi- ed or deposited therein or theresbouts any such mitted for the consideration of the Government, the Colonial Government wish to erect a light on | ones. nance, shall be construed together as one Ordi. Opium, and any Officer to whom such warrant the Committee are informed that the reasons the Gap Rock. I see no engineering difficulty nance to be called The Opium Ordinance 1884 shall be directed may, in case of obstruction or then assigned for leaving the matter in above which may not be overcome, if it becomes necesting translation from the Chung Ngoi San Po. resistance, break open any outer or inner doors lance were, that the site in question was not sary to give effect to that wish. I have, &c., J. M. PRICE.

Surveyor-General. Acting Colonial Secretary, &c., &c., &c.

THE OFFICEB ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT. Downing Street, 12th February, 1887. SIR. -I have the honour to acknowledge the

2.-I consider that, as there are so many

sent to the tarms now proposed, and provided ary manner." It is estimated that these Tolls would realize that no loan is raised for any sum whatever on innings though he was let off early in the slips. Bichard MacDonnell. The Chinese were for portion of the ment do not exceed 6 months.

The Chinese were for portion of the work it should be constructed by the end of the year of the present the subjects, and he trusted the ment do not exceed 6 months.

Such status to proceed without warrant on being understood that the work shall be com- 1890, and that the Colonial Government should Graham bowled 5 wickets for 45 puns. Travers loyal subjects of Her Majesty the Queen, and 7 .- Every person importing into the Colony board such ship, and search for such Opinm, and menced immediately and that on final payment not bear more than one-third of the colony

5.—I enclose, for your information, a copy of

will urge upon the Colonial Office the great im. The Officer Administering the Government of Hongkong.

The annual meeting of the shareholders is

the China and Manila Steamship Company,

Limited, was held on the 22nd inst., when the

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report and accounts were adopted una voce. A fire broke out on the morning of the 23rd inst. in No. 70. Wing Kut Lane, between Queen's Road Control and the Praya, and the house was destroyed. Another fire occurred on the night of the 24th in Bonham Strand West, and house No. 34 was destroyed, the two adjoining dwellings being damaged. The annual meeting of the Chinese Insurance Company, Limited, was held on the 24th inst, when the report and accounts—which revealed a very gratifying improvement in the Company's business-were passed. The Telephone Exchange was opened on the 24th inst. An extraordinary meeting of the shareholders in the China Sugar Refining Company was held on the 24th, at which the resolutions authorising the increase of capital by the issue of 6,000 new shares were confirmed. A meeting of the Legislative Council was held on the 25th inst. Petitions were read from a number of opium merchants and from Chinese retail dealers in the drag against the new Opium Bill and asking to be heard by counsel. The Acting Governor said this request would be granted, but not as a right. The Hon. A. P. MacEwen then asked questions as to what had been done with the proposed lighthouse on Gan Rock, replies to which were given by the Acting Governor drew attention to the hardships caused to firms reading of the opium Billin a lengthy and able speech, and the Colonial Treasurer seconded. The Hon. C. P. Chater moved a resolution that three weeks be given to the trade to consider the Bill, and the iton, A. P. MacEven seconded. The Attorney-General, after some discussion, said he would fix the next meeting for the 30th instant, and on a division this was carried by 6 to 5. A. Cricket match, Hongkong Cricket Club v. Services, was played on the 25th and 26th, and resulted in a victory for the Club. After the match a gold watch was presented by the Cricket Club to Mr. H. Foss, as an acknowledgment of his services for some years as Secretary and Treasurer to the Club, that gentleman being about to leave the Colony. A public meeting of the leading Chinese residents was held on the 27th inst. at the Tung Wah Hospital to consider the most appropriate mode of calchrating the Queen's Jubilee. It was decided to erect a building for a Chamber of Commerce with library attached, to be called the Victoria Library, and to co-operate ing the erection and upkeep of a Light. with the Enropean community in illumluations. &c. The statue of the late Su Arthur Kennedy arrived on the 27th inst. in the

steamer Glenorchy, and will be set up in the Botanic Gardens. At a meeting of the Directors of the Masonic Club held on the 22nd inst. it was decided to Information has been received by the Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company the Island being higher the cost of building a that their new steamer the Fatshan was launched on Monday, the 21st just

On Wednesday morning, the 23rd inst. about four o'clock, fire was discovered_to have broken out in No. 70. Wing Kut lane. The flames had full possession when the bells were rang, and the house was soon completely gutted, but fortunately the fire was prevented from extending to the adjoining property. The house destroyed was occupied by Ching Fuk,

and was used as a general store. The Norddentscher Lloyd's new steamer required which have been deferred for want of where a landing can be effected at all seasons. Buyers arrived here on Wednesday morning. fands. The Taitam Water Works, Sanitary It is about 90 feet high, but has a dangerous the 23rd inst., from Bremen, on her first voyage. She is a finely built steamer. capable of accommodating three hundred scared from N.E. 3 N. to N. W. 2 W. from the passengers, with a registered tonnage of 2,800 and an effective steam power of 3,500. In the scheme he had laid before them, every trade is stored, and to inspect the same, and any per- the prosecution of the Sanitary Works will pro- for the benefit of ships coming from the South addition to first and second class dining saloons, and profession among the Chinese must sup gon refusing to give such account, or without bably abserb about \$100,000 a year for the next this would not matter. The light however might she has commodious smoking saloons and a prettily fitted room on deck for ladies. She is lighted throughout with the electric light, the upholstering and fittings are in excellent taste, and nothing has been omitted which could add to the comfort of the passengers.

An extraordinary general meeting of the new Opium Bill would not restore that trade, G. S. Coxon, on behalf of the members of should be raised shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Comments of this Colony. The cost could be raised shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Comments of this Colony. The cost could be raised shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Comments of this Colony. names, or to be missing from the place in which traordinary development of the shipping trade by loan and a few years with a slight increase pany was held at the offices of Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co. on the 24th inst., for the purpose of confirming the resolutions for increasing the capital of the company, by the issue of 6,000 new shares of \$100 onch, which were passed at the moeting held on the 10th March, 1987. The several resolutions were unanimously approved of. The following gentlemen attended the meeting-Hon. I. Bell-Irving (Chairman), Messrs. M. Grote, J. B. Elias, W. Kerfoot Hughes (Consulting Committoi), G. S. Coxon, G. C. Anderson, A. S.

Cohen, H. C. Maclean, A. G. Stokes, Ho Tung,

Ho Wei, F. Dodwell, and J. G. T. Hassell (Se-

good hold and No 34 was completely gutted

<u>In the debate on the Opium Bill in the Le</u> coming into force the rate was constantly vary is therefore about 80 tasks. From these figures There are many days during the months of it will be seen that the new rate means a very

1st February, and there was nothing but duty I believe it is a principle of coast lighting to paid, and that at the full rate of 30 taels a picul. oreased cost, and trouble in the subsequent main- | caused. It rose very much, and the last Calcutta A correspondent who encloses us the follow-

adds that the Chinese Press generally has expressed itself in favour of the new opium agreement. He writes :- "In a recent issue of the Chung Ngọi San Po there is a leader giving a history of the recent opium negotiations, and speaking in the highest forms of the ability displayed by Mr. Justice Russell in the part he took in them. It begins by comparing him to Wu Lao-ts'man, famous in Chinese History as the man who could carry to a successful issue great undertakings, and ends as follows :- Mr. Russell's plan while beneficial to China ferred to him in order that those who reap the reward of his successful scheme may not forget count that his plans are so perfect whether re-

MACAO.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

His Excellency the Governor received yester. day a telegram dated the 21st from the Minister

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for the Colonies announcing the safe delivery of railway question. We understand that it is pro-Princess Amolia of a son, H. R. H. the Prince of posed to carry the line from La-tai to Taku, and Beira, first son of the Crown Prince Carlos and thence to Tientsin. The matter is decided upon; grandson of His Majesty the King of Portugal. but it will be carried out by ourselves; and the II. E. Senhor Costa ordered a holiday to be ob: contract will not be given to Enropean traders." served by all the Government departments dur- The Shih-pao, translated by the Chinese og the 23rd, 24th, and 25th instants.

Times, gives the following information about extensions of the Imperial Telegraphs in Szeing the 23rd, 24th, and 25th instants.

Cathedral. A guard of honour and the Regi. ohuen and Yunnan :- "On the let March the mental Band was stationed at the entrance to the long telegraph line extending through the pro- prepared to ACCEPT RISKS, against FIRE Cathedral, and there were present H. E. the vinces of Szechnen and Yunnan was completed, at Current Raies. Governor, the members of the Council of Go- and now telegraphic communication may be had Senado, the Consuls for Great Britain, Italy,
Holland, and Siam, and officers of the army

Kennout, the President and members of the senado, the Consuls for Great Britain, Italy,
Empire. There are now tolegraphic offices at and may, and a large number of other Wan Heien, Chang King, Lii Chan, Cheng Tii, and other places in Szechuen, and Mong Chi, officials and inhabitants. The To Doum over, Kai Hwa, &c., in Yunnan. As this line ex-Sonhor Costa held a reception at Government House, where a numerous concourse tends to almost the extreme western borders of the Empire, China is now connected from east assembled to tender their congratulations. At noon salutes were tired by the Forts, and in the to west, and north to south; by the most rapid means of communication known to the civilized evening all the Government departments were illuminated, the Band playing at Govern- world." ment House. These demonstrations will continno for the next two days. The election of a new Deputado (Member for the great river, burdened with floating ice and a sudden rise, burst the new protecting embank-Macao) at the Lisbon Cortes will be proceeded

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with on Sunday, the 3rd April.

HOIHOW The Heihow correspondent of the Mercury writing under date of the 12th inst. says :- The Black Flags have left us for the interior as rainforcements to the troops under General Feng. The operations against the Lis appear to be at a standstill so far; no engagements are reported as having taken place of late. The approaching hat weather is not calculated to increase the activity or improve the health of the "braves." many of whom are already suffering from the effects of climate and exposure.

AMOY. Referring to the wreck of the Abbie Carver the Amov Gazette says :- There is a remote chance of the crew having found shelter on Botel Tobago, an island to the southward of the scene of the wreck, but it is hardly likely. All would naturally, depend upon the direction of the wind and as statements, so far, point to a southerly, cule, it is much to be feared that the beats were swamped as soon as the storm approached typhoon force.

The fertification of the Pescadores is to cost Tis. 800.000. In Formosa 35 brigades will be It is reported in Peking (says the Daily News the minimum, and the Customs of Amoy is to that the Marquis Tseng, as a member of the contribute towards this sum Tls. 200,000 a year new Admiralty Board, intends to fix his official as before, with Tls. 240,000 a year from the residence in Shanghai Other Fukien chests, and Tls. 860,000 from the The Shewpur says that the Foreign Board Customs of Hankow, Shanghai, Ningpo, Kiu- has instructed by telegraph all the Foreign kinng, and Canton. The Tls. 440,000 from Fu- Missions that salaries are to be reduced by 20 kien, with the Tls. 1,000,000 now annually raised; per cent. all round. The reduction for the .iein Formosa, are all to be spent on the army. pan Mission is 30 per cent.

The remaining Tls. 360,000 are to go towards The Hu-pao says:—Officers for service abroad governing the island. These appropriations are have already been recommended to the Emperor; to continue for five years, after which it is hoped but each one is allowed to write the words "willthat, with reforms. Formesa will be able to pay ing to go" or "unwilling" on his service pap her own way .- China Review. before he is offered an appointment.

A correspondent writes to the Foochow paper: tion must be increasing in Manchuria, for at -"Tigers are not so uncommon in Fohkien as present the military commandants have attached people think. A few years agon tiger was killed to their duties those of civil-Governors of Propear Limpoo. The tiger had snatched a child vinces. But the names Foo, Chow, and Haien FINHE Undersigned having been appointed out of its mother's arms, tearing open her breast are rapidly being given to large and small cenas it did so. The brute was killed by some Lekin | tres of population; and this implies the appoint-

ment of city magistrates who levy tribute and try eauses, just as in China proper." The Hupan describes the miserable state of affairs reigning at Foschow, where hundreds of hungry expectant. have waited years for an official job. The recent changes in the opinm revenue collection have only aggravated their poverty. The banks will not open; clandestine opinus is freely smuggled all over-the-Province; and as vet-only-100 chests have paid duty and lekin under the new scheme.

A memorial in the Peking Gazette of the 2nd | tien of Japanese merchants to do business, retail March from the Vicercy of Fohkien illustrates and wholesale, at Chong No. The Korean the means resorted to by Chinese officials for dealers are entering a vigorous protest. The raising the wind. He reports that during the representatives of the eight guilds met last THE LATEST ADVANCE IN LIFE period between the 3rd June and the 11th Sep- evening, 24 men in all, and after full discussion tomber, 1886, contributions to the maritime of the subject, resolved to appeal to the Foreign defence fund were received from 169 persons, Office not to grant the application. To show officers and others, who purchased rank, literary | their carnestness in the matter, they ordered degrees, and peacock's feathers to the value of all the stores and shops to be closed. The Ths. 50 145.68. Of this sum Ths. 40,000 has order is obeyed, and to-day all traffic in dry been appropriated as payment for gans and ves. goods, furniture, &c., is stopped. Considerable sels bought for the northern squadron, and the excitement prevails in business circles, as it is balance has been deposited with the Committee of impossible to tell what may be the upshot. The Reorganisation. The contributors have been Chinese merchants are already doing retail

SHANGRAI. The Mercury says:—The 'steamer Chungking'

has opened the season of acoidents in the Petho river. She was unlucky enough to lose both her | will be denied, and that the Chinese dealers will propellers, and is now on her way to this port in tow of another of the Company's steamers. The Shan-pao gives an account of the bursting | very streets where the shops were closed. of the largest gun at Port Arthur. The officer in command repaired the cracks, seven in number, and tried to fire it again, but it would not go off Astonished at its silence, he removed the breech and found the charge heated, but not ignited, or which he precipitatedly retired.

and the shops were opened again and business resumed. Some of the Japaness women left the Hu-pao says: - Some youths recently Soul, fearing a riot might cause. Both men and went juto the American Mission Chapel at women are forbidden to be in the streets at Nanking, and because they were turned out the inmates, they became greatly offended, and broke the windows and furniture. The matter maintained.—Japan Mail Correspondent. was promptly reported to the Che-haien of the district, who paid for all damages, and promised writing under date 9th March, says :- "A sad to numish the offenders. . . accident happened in Seoul yesterday. Mr.

The Shen-pao says that it was only after some difficulty that opium traders could be persuaded to bring opium from Tientsin under the new erection of the electric light plant in the King's scheme, and that the first consignments were palace, by the Edison Electric Co., was acdetained at the Hata gate on the ground that no fresh instructions had been received from the Korean servant, who was examining the de-Board. The same paper says that at Amoy and | ceased's revolver. Dr. Allen attended at once. other ports the local charities which used to be and hoped to pull him through, but he died supported out of the opium lekin are now in a during last night. He leaves a wife and an in-

very bad way. The N. C. Daily News of the 19th inst. says :-Some days ago, a Chinaman who had borrowed a new steam launch, the property of the compradore of one of the Shanghai hongs, smuggledsome opium, which the Customs seized. While the officers were standing on a pontoon alongside the launch, the lowdah suddenly pushed off, and ran away with the cruft. The boat, however, was traced, and when it returned to Shanghai. the officers connected with the Lekin Depart-

the matter of Guiness's brewery. Some meneyed men in Kyoto decided to form a Dyeing Comment seized it. In the United States Consular Court at Shanghai, on the 4th March. General Kennedy. pany with a capital of one hundred thousand yen. Of this sum the projectors put up seventy U. S. Consul-General, had before him for heara ing the case of Burrows, v. Burrows, in which public in the form of shares. The 28th of last the plaintiff sought for a divorce from her husmonth was originally fixed as the last day for band, a Chief Examiner in the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, on the grounds of adultory receiving applications. But these poured in so and cruelty. His Honour gave judgment on fast that the list was closed on the 24th, when'it the 17th March. He held that the charge of was found that applications for 47,913 shares adultery had been proved, but that of oraelty had been received from 480 persons, and that had not been substantiated. He pronounced a the total amount offered was 2,395,650 yen, or decree nisi, with costs, and allowed plaintiff nearly eighty times the value of the shares allot-\$1,000 alimony. With her consent defendant able. It is evident that the spirit of speculation was permitted to have the custody of the chil- is very strong at present. What we have to hope,

says the Japan Mail, is that unprincipled advantage may not be taken of it to float wild The following Imperial Decree, dated 17th March, is published in the Shen-pao:-"Let T'ang schemes. From this point of view there is cause Chiung have the rank of Provincial Governor, for congratulation in the fact that the dividends and manage the mining affairs of Yunnan, with paid by the National Banks in 1880 averaged BAN HUP, Esq. Yow Chong Peng, Esq. the right of addressing Us direct. All the some two per cent, less than in 1885. The earnmoney due from the different provinces on the lings of the Banks showed, we believe, no dimicopper supply account must be transmitted to nution. But it was felt by Japanese financiers T'ang Chique for application to that purpose. Let the proper Board take cognizance."—The to reserve funds rather than to pay fat dividends. subjoined is appended as a footnote by the Daily News :- " T'ang Chiang was the able Taot'ai in charge of the late Vicercy Ting's Szechuen salt scheme. Promoted to be Governor of Yunnan, he was sentenced to death for failing in his duty during the war with the French."

TIENTSIN.

The Shen-pao says: - A proclamation has been issued regarding this opening of mines at talion of the African light infantry was executed P'ing-tu in Shantung and the proposed opening at Hanoi. His crime was that he had fired on of others at five other places. A Shanghai native paper mentions that H.E. standing near that officer. The Adjutant was Sheng, the present Customs Taotsi of Chefoo, not struck. has lately established lithographic works in | The difficulty between the French and Chi- BISKS at 1 % nett per Annum, and other In-

Chajen, named Wong, has been appointed reference to Cape Paklung has, the Courrier AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China A correspondent writes to the Shen-pao as Chinese having abandoned their claim to the and the Philippines. follows:- "There has for some time been a rail- disputed territory.

and European officers in connection with the

way 20 ti In length from Su-koh Chuang to The Courrier d'Haiphong says there is a son-Tang Shan, which the K'si-ping Mining Com- sible improvement in the situation in Tonquin. pany has used for the carriage of coal and pas- After the recent effervescence the hostile bands Bengers', Last year the Tac-tai Wu and the seem to be discouraged. The blows struck at the NOR! H GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE Prefect Wu raised shares for the extension of rebels in Thanh hon, the firm attitude of the this line from Sü-koh Chuang right on to Lu-tai French at Mongkai, and the success of Phu-yenfor further facilitating the conveyance of coal. have borne their fruit. Taken on all sides, the This is a purely commercial undertaking, and rebels and pirates are gradually shandoning the the work has begun. On the 6th of March the struggle. Vicercy Li arrived in Tientsin, and on several days in succession received visits from. Chinese

For other mail news see Supplement

INSURANCES. NETHERLANDS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. Batablished 1845.

A correspondent of the Chinese Times at Pang

Chuang, Shantung, writes .- "Ten days since

ments south-east of Chishe (?) Hsien about ten

other years. The extravagance in making the

embankments is only surpassed by the size of the

stream pouring north-sast toward the sea. Al-

ready the refugees are beginning their annual

march. It is reported on credible authority that

of deepening and repairing an old canal and

at Hai-fong Hsien. It is said that the river

from Tang-kuan Tun to Hein Cheng, on the

Canal at Sau-nu Ssu, which is 50 li south of Te

river to the sea. It will be remembered that the

Chao wang river reached from the sen in Hai-

feng to Kai-feng Fu in Honan, that it was built

by a famous ruler of the Sung Dynasty as a

PEKING.

- The Peking correspondent of the Daily News,

writing on the 11th March, says :-- "Coloniza-

KOREA.

nese traders are seeking a more central place for

their business, this determined protest is made.

I think the Korean merchants are right in this

respect, and hope the application of the Japanese

likewise be restricted. To-day, as by contrast.

I saw a Chinaman peddling pea-nuts around the

With a little care on the part of both

A Chemulpo correspondent of the Bising Sun,

Wm. McKey, who was sent to superintend the

cidentally shot through the abdomen by his

YOKOHAMA.

ed a parallel—on a small scale—to the extraordin-

ary enthusiasm shown by English capitalists in

thousand, and the remainder was offered to the

TONQUIN

HANOI.

The Hanoi Exhibition was opened on the 15th

On the 27th ultimo a soldier of the 2nd bat-

The Japanese share-market recently furnish-

Soul, 25th February.

gin this new canal....

THE Undersigned, baving been appointed Agents for the above Company, are W. R. LOXLEY & Co.

Hongkong, 24th March. 1887. FIRE INSURAN 1E COMPANY, OF 1877 IN HAMBURG

FI'HE Unde signed, Agents of the above CACCONE'S SHEREY, PORT. Company, are Prepared to ACCEPT CLARETS, CHAMPAGNE. RISKS at Current Rates.

PUSTAU & Co., Hongkong, 18th January, 1884. MANNHEIM REINSURANCE

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE li. A large space was plunged through, and a hundred villages north of the river flooded as in RISKS at Current Rates. PUSTAU & Co.

COMPANY.

Hongkong, lat January, 1887. NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Com-

Chiu Taotai has been appointed to the charge pany; are authorized to INSURE against FIRE at Current Rates. water course, reaching from Sau-nu Sau to the sea. GILMAN & Co. Hongkong, 1st January, 1882. 'A RANSATLANTICFIREINSURANCE Petho, is the model on which the new aluice way

COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

is to be repaired. It will lead from the Grand The Undersigned, having been appointed Chou, past of the old Chao-wang He. This river will be deepened in its course, passing by Hsia- Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ching city north-east to the port at Cheng Tzu. ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Should small boats be able to pass, a very active Rates. SIEMSSEN & Co., trade will soon spring up along the line of the

> Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. . NOTICE.

source for carrying tribute. K'aifong was at that time the capital of the Empire. Tls. 30,000 O UEEN FIRE INSURANCE have been proposed as the sum necessary to be-The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS on FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS at 1 per Cent. Nott premium per Annum. NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1881. AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE. LIMITED. (OF CALCUTTA).

THE Undersigned are prepared to GRANT POLICIES on MARINE RISKS at Current Rates. GIBB, LIVING TON & Co.,

Hongkong, 27th September, 1886. THE LONDON ASSURANCE incorporated by royal charter of his MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

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Some excitement is felt now from the applica- at reduced rates. HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, 26th July, 1872.

INSURANCE. THE NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY'S YEAR DIVIDEND POLICY

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> GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Acting Agents. . Hongkong, 13th January, 1887

IDHENIX FIRE OFFICE The Undersigned are now prepared to Mail closes to-day. The Japanese authorisies GRANTPOLICIES of INSURANCE against

here, seeing the vigorous protest of the Koreans FIRE at the following Rates:against their application, withdrews it promptly. On First-class European Tenementsat & % Net per Annum. On First-class Godowns. & Merchandise stored

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Agents for Phonix Fire Office. Hongkong, 5th August, 1881.

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY. fant, both of whom accompanied him to this FUHE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE AND LIFE at Current Rates. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, 1st April, 1885.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COM-The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to GRANT POLICIES against FIRE to the extent of \$60,000 on any

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Hongkong, 9th May, 1881. MINHE MAN ON INSURANCE COM-PANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HO GRONG. CAPITAL (SUBSCRIBED), \$1,000.000. BOARD OF DEECTORS.

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> Secretary, HEAD OFFICE. No. 2, Queen's Road West. Hongkong, 14th March, 1881.

the Adjutant of his battalion and killed a soldier THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COM-BANY, LIMITED. Is prepared to ACCEPT FIRST-CLASS Tientsin, for printing Chinese books, and that a ness Frontier Delimitation Commissioners in SUBANCES at Current Rates. d'Haiphong is informed, been terminated, the and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon, Penang, 1245 P.M. Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1882. COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

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THE Company's Steamship

Hongkong, 25th March, 1887. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. HE (ompany's Steamship

"AGAMEMNON." Captain Wilding, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 31st instant. For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 24th March, 1887. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for Ningpo, Chefoo, Newchwang, Tientsin, HANKOW, and Ports on the YANGTSZE.)

THE Company's Steamship "BELLEROPHON." Captain Guthrie, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 1st April. Section A. B. & C. of RUBAL BUILDING LOT For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hougkong, 25th March, 1887.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAM PACKETS. FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL. HE Steamship "GLENFALLOCH. of One Dozen or less, White Crystal Glass Captain Cormack, will be despatched as above

on or about the 4th April. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Also GENEVER in Stone Bottles and Hongkong, 25th March, 1887. NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA

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Hongkong, 26th March, 1887. U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVER-LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

DE JANEIRO," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATUR DAY, the 16th April, at THREE P.M., taking LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BAL Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United 948 States and Europe. Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities

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will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full ; value of same is required. Consular Invoices to secompany Cargo destined to Ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector FTHE 3/3 L II American Back of Customs at San Francisco. For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Griffin Master, will lead here for the above No. 50A, Queen's Road Contral.

C. D. HARMAN, Agent. Hongkong, 28th March, 1887. FOR NEW YORK. THE 3/3 L II Norwegian Bark "PROFESSOR MOHN,"

WHARF and Taim-Taa-Tsur at the following O. Jensen, Master, will load here for the hours :- This Time Table will take effect from above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to Hongkoug, 1st February, 1887. FOR HAVRE AND LONDON. THE 100 A I British Bark "FIFESHIRE,"

R. Greig, Master, shortly expected from SHANG. HAI, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch. For Freight or Passage, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Jo. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1887. FOR NEW YORK. THE 3/3 L II American Ship

JOHN C. POTTER Curtis, Master, will load here for the above The above Time Table will be strictly adhered Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to to, except under unavoidable circumstances. In case of stress of weather, due notice will be Hongroug, 24th March, 1887.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG. COLOMBO. ADEN. SUEZ, PORTSAID, MALTA. GIBRALTAR. BRINDISI, ANCONA VENICE, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON;

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA. N.B .- CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAM-BURG, NEW YORK, AND BOSTON. SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "COROMANDEL," Captain Reeves, with Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for LONDON via BOMBAY and SUEZ

FOUR P.M. Cargo will be received on board unti as above TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at 10 A.M. on 28th. Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office until Noon, on the 29th March. The attention of Passengers is directed to the Tea. Silk, and Valuables for Europe will superior Accommodation offered by this be transhipped at Colombo; General Cargo Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins are for London will be conveyed via Bombay without situated forward of the Engines. Second Class | transhipment, arriving, one week later than by Passengers are berthed in the Poop. A Refri- the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

and Passage apply to the Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Company's Office, Hongkong. The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note p.m. on the 26th March, and may be expected the terms and conditions of the Company's here on or about the 3rd April;

Black Bills of Lading. E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent. Hougkong, 19th March, 1887. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

NOTICE. STEAM FOR SAIGON: SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, CO. LOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ. PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS. MARSEILLES, AND PORTS OF BRAZII

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IN TUESDAY, the 5th April, Noon, the Company's Steamship celle, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, 3rd April. and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above

Cargo and Spacie will be registered for Londoners well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M., on the 4th

April, 1887. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Postmaster-General. This should be acted on Office.) . Contents and value of Packages are the first time cause of complaint occurs; it is a For further particulars, apply at the Comrany's Office. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1887. OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAM SHIP COMPANY. TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,

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ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTIN

STEAMERS. THE Steamship "OCEANIC" will despatched for San Francisco, vid Yoko-621 hama, on TUESDAY, the 5th April, at Connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan Ports.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked

address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until FIVE P.M. the day previous to sailing. RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who have aid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco months, will be allowed a discount of 20 %, from 30th inst., at 4.30 P.M. Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year.

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or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company. No. 50a. Queen's Road Central. C. D. HARMAN, Agent. Hongkong, 28th February, 1887. NORDDEUTSCHER L'LOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN. SUEZ PORT SAID, TREESTE,

BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN, AND HAMBURG. WHE U.S. Mail Steamer, "CITY OF RIO PORTS IN THE LEVANTE, BLACK SE. AND BALTIC PORTS;

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1887. FOR NEW YORK.

"EDWARD KIDDER," Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, 20th January, 1887. FOR HAVRE AND LONDON. THE 100 A I British Ship

"AMPHITRITE," Anderson, Master, will load here for the above Ports and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, 21st March, 1887. FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

"STATE OF MAINE," Nickels, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. RUBSELL & Co. Hongkong, 4th March, 1887. FOR HONOLULU.

THE S/3 L I. I. American Ship

Hongkong, 15th March 1887.

FIVHE American Ship "MERCURY. Captain Panno, will load here for the above Port and will have quick despatch. For Freight or Passage apply to

VESSELS ON THE BERTE

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG THE 3/3 LIII American Ship "SARAH HIGNETT Morgan, Master, will lead here for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong 25th January, 1887 FOR LONDON, DIRECT. THE A I British Barque

W. Summers, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & Co. Hongkong, 12th March, 1887.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. CANAL on TUESDAY, the 29th March, at THE 3/3 L. I. I. American Bark "ANNIE JOHNSON."

Captain M. Hall, will load here and will have nick despatch. For Freight, apply to Hongkong, 3rd March, 1887.

MAIL EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL. The M. M. steamer Yangtso, with the London mail of the 25th February, left Singapore at 4

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL. The E. & A. steamer Airlie, with the Austra. lian mail left Port Darwin on the 26th March and may be expected here on or about the 6th

April. STEAMERS EXPECTED. The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Palinurus left Singapore on the 21st, and is due here on the

29th instant. The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer Bellerophon left Singapore on the 25th, and is due here on the

31st instant. The N. G. I. steamer Archinede left Singapore on the 25th, and is due here on the 31st instant. The Union Line steamer Galley of Lorne left Singapore on the 25th March, and is due here on

the 2nd April. The Union Line steamer Antonio left Singa-MELBOURNE." Commandant De la Mar pore on the 26th March, and is due here on the

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MALCH 291H, 1887.

THE OPIUM BILL.

We understand that a petition from the merchants engaged in the opium trade will be presented to the Legislative Council this afternoon praying that the second reading of the proposed Opium Bill, which is fixed for to-day, may be postponed to enable the persons more immediately concerned to become better acquainted with it, and that the petitioners may be heard by counsel at the bar of the Council with reference to their the effect that a further development of rail, objections to its provisions. The Chinese way enterprise in China would-almost immeretail dealers also, we believe, desire to have diately take place, but so many unfounded their riews represented to the Legislative rumours had previously been circulated that Council through counsel. The opium im- we heaitsted to give them credence. A corporters have likewise addressed a letter to respondent of the Shen-pao-a generally the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce on the | well informed . journal-now definitely ansubject, setting forth their objections to the nounces that it has been resolved to continue measure. They represent that the Bill as it the Kaiping Extension Railway from Lutai to stands will destroy the retail opium trade in Taku, and subsequently thence to Tientsin. the Colony and vest too great powers in the If this be true a real commencement is about Opium Farmer. While willing to co-operate to be made in the establishment of a railway with the Executive in attaining the object of system in China. The Kniping-Lutai line is the Bill, namely, the prevention of amug- practically only a mineral railway, to conduct gling into China, they at the same time urge | the products of the Kniping mines to a port that the Bill goes farther than is necessary of shipmout, but the concection with Taku to effect this object. The request that the will be a most useful extension, as it will second reading of the Bill may be postponed enable the managers of the mines to bring and that those interested in the trade may the coal right into Taku, from whence it can be represented by coursel is a reasonable one be shipped at once for Shanghai, Hongkong, and will be granted as a matter of course. Canton, and other ports. The route of the The second reading will be moved, we pre- proposed line presents no engineering nection with the proposed loan. The Crown sume, and the policy of the Government ex. difficulties, and the line might be conpounded, and then on the petition being structed as inexpensively as the Lutai. presented, the postponement of the motion section. The rapidity and ease with which will be assented to. The bearing of the that undertaking has been carried out proposed legislation on the retail trade in no doubt have traded to encourage the drug is a subject which cannot have the Viceroy of Chihli to advocate its imescaped the attention either of the Govern. mediate extension. Nor would a line from the Joint Commission, and it was no doubt numerous creeks would necessitate a good after mature consideration that the proposal many bridges, but these need not be exto prohibit the possession of opium in quant pensive, and the country is a dead level. tities of less than one chest was decided The value of a railway to Tientsin would b upon. The clause providing for this stands | enormous. It would practically place that first in the agreement come to by the Joint ice-bound city in communication with the Commission, and the object of the Ordin- | rest of the world nearly all the year round, as ance is to give effect to that agreement. the gulf is seldom frozen upentirely, and ves-It is to this provision that the objectors sels could jeach Taku, and there discharge to the Bill are chiefly opposed, their their argoes for Tientsin. Whether therefore ground of objection being that it will the proposed line be made by the Chinese destroy the retail trade in the drug. The themselves, as the Shen-pao's correspondent statement of the views of the Government states, or by foreigners, we sincerely hope on this point will be awaited with great that his news may be verified and the good interest. If the probibition of possession of work speedily commenced. opium in quantities of less than one chest be insisted upon as a sine qua non the Le- THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM gislative Council will be brought face to face with the very important alternative of either I assenting to that prohibition or of throwing over the agreement altogether and accepting shareholders in the China and Manila Steamthe inevitable consequence, which would ship Company, Limited, was held at the office of be the settlement of the question by an the general managers, Mesers. Russell and Co., . Order of Her Majesty in Council, in the Hongkong, on the 22nd March. There were premaking of which the views of the local S. Moses (Consulting Committee), C. A. Tomes, traders would probably receive see t consi traders would probably receive see t const- E. George, F. Henderson, F. Grimble, J. H deration. The matter is unfortunately not Cox, and R. Shewan (Secretary.) one in which the colony has a free choice. The Secretary having read the dotice con-Something must be done, and whatever that vening the meeting, someth a may be it is almost sure to ad- The CHAIRMAN said-Gentlemen, with your versely rect-some-interest. If the minm permission I propose to take the report and merchants can show that dealings in quanti- accounts in your hands as read. The loss on the ties of less than one chest can be carried on sale of the Amatista has made the balance on under such conditions as will not afford facilities for sinuggling the local Govern- borne in mind the fact that we have got rid of little prospect of their attaining their end. membered in judging the present result that general public, to acquaint themselves with its scope The objection to the traffic in small quantities this loss of \$46,500 does not belong wholly to and object. of opium, from the Chinese Customs point of this year, although this year's profit and loss view, is easy to understand. When once a the depreciation of the vessel since she was chest is broken, it must necessarily be diffi- bought, and had we had a depreciation account cult to prevent amuggling in such a portable it would have been charged to it. Putting

branch of the subject until the suggestions l of the dealers have been brought forward. to the powers of search and surveillance giv- as the Diamonte and Zafiro, and should she be en to the Opium Farmer, is a mere matter of found to shee ground this year she will be at detail which we have no doubt will be satis- once laid up, and sold when an opportunity factorily adjusted. If absolutely necessary the presents itself. With reference to the item of farm could be done away with altogether and the business be carried on by a Government of accounts from Manila it is impossible to say department, as was the case for a few months | what amount was outstanding in the hands of some years ago. In any case provision may the Agents there at the time of their suspension, held on Friday, the 18th March instant, a Bill was be made that searches and inspections shall but the General Managers, are assured that be conducted only by regularly appointed the Company will suffer to only a very moderate for the better regulation of the trade in opinin," and Government officers who shall be directly extent, if at all, and as the Company has a first the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the said bill is framed for the said bill is framed for the purpose of regulating the said bill is framed for the said bill is framed fo responsible to the Government and not to lies on the shares now standing in their name, I the movement of raw onium in this Colony and of the Opium Farmer. This arrangement would do not think that the loss can at the outside also palpably be more satisfactory to Sir Messrs. Peele, Hubbell & Co.'s successors, Messrs. buying and soiling it in quantities less than one cheet, on the question of whether the possession of and accounts as presented. opium in quantities of less than one chest is to be allowed or not. If possession of small quantities is not to be allowed the search GRIMBLE Messrs. F. D. Sassoon, J. S. Moses. will be a simple matter, and the returns of the import and export of the drug and the sulting Committee. quantities in stock could be kept by the Go-. vernment almost without any reference to the by Mr. Tomes, Messrs. T. Arnold and J. H. Opium Farmer. But if the possession of Gow were re-elected suditors. broken chests is to be allowed quits a little army of informers will be necessary to detect surreptitious dealings in small quantities.

Assuming that the possession of opium in quantities of less than one chest is prohibited, the inconvenience attending the found that the interference with the retail Remedies, Hon, C. P. Chater, J. B. Ellas, Fung advised that they have no right to appear by trade will be nothing like so great as is at Tang (Directors), A. S. Cohen, A. E. Vaucher, counsel under the provisions of the Orders of present supposed by the dealers. The trade A. H. Remedies, J. Y. V. Vernon, G. Von Wille, this Council, 47; but as I think this is a subject but sufely only by way of a joke. Any one a firmer footing, and I think we may take the and I think it only right that the public should some two months previous to the occurrence community, not only keeps up a feeling of and I think it only right that the public should some two months previous to the occurrence community, not only keeps up a feeling of the occurrence community, not only keeps up a feeling of the occurrence community, not only right that the public should some two months previous to the occurrence community, not only right that the public should some two months previous to the occurrence community. who knows anything of the Spanish Customs oredit of having already taken a step in that die know exactly how the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced and anything of the Spanish colors and facilities offered to trade allowed their due which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. There is only inniced any inniced anything are the matter stands previous to which my hon friend has related. authorities will not think a Spanish colony a rection. With these remarks I beg to propose your Excellency handing over the reins of Go- one thing in which I feel myself in some way to calculated to create a false impression among fayourable place to which to transfer a trade the adoption of the report and accounts, but I vernment to your successor. I ventured to ex- blame, and that is that whereas at the Coast the Chinese in the colony, by whom the tacit which can be conducted from any other will be happy to answer any questions that may press the hope some months ago in this Council Ports south of Shanghai the notice was sent acquiescence of the British Government in these press the hope some months ago in this Council Ports south of Shanghai the notice was sent acquiescence of the British Government in these press the hope some months ago in this Council Ports south of Shanghai the notice was sent acquiescence of the British Government in these press the hope some months ago in this Council Ports south of Shanghai the notice was sent acquiescence of the British Government in these press the hope some months ago in this Council Ports south of Shanghai the notice was sent acquiescence of the British Government in these press the hope some months ago in this Council Ports south of Shanghai the notice was sent acquiescence of the British Government in these press the hope some months ago in this Council Ports south of Shanghai the notice was sent acquiescence of the British Government in these pressure and the pressure of Admiral Hamilton from an acquiescence of the British Government in these pressure and the pressure of Admiral Hamilton from an acquiescence of the British Government in these pressure and the pr point. It cannot be driven to the Treaty ports, as we have heard suggested, for there ed the adoption of the report and accounts, and The Admiral has come and gone, and as far as every person indeed whose address could be and to a recognition of their unjust preten-

trade being driven from the colony is therefore, it will be seen, chimerical. Illicit trade will be stopped, no doubt, but who will venture to plend for the smugglers? Are, they wanted here?-25th March.

PROJECTED RAILWAY EXTENSION . TO TIENTSIN.

Several reports have lately been made to

SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. The fourth ordinary general meeting of th

the wrong side of profit and loss larger than it has over been before, but against this must be

article. The Customs therefore wish to col- aside the less by depreciation on the Amatista, lect their duty on whole chests. We are not we have reduced last year's debit balance from

in a position to suggest a middle course \$21,210.51 to \$12,094.69, in other words we which will satisfy both parties, and must have this year notted \$12,115.82. In the therefore reserve further comment on this opinion of the General Managers the three romaining steamers are not too much for the requirements of the line. They are doing very well at present, but the Esmeralda is not so The other objection to the Bill, namely, well adapted to the trade on account of her size

sion with amugglers. The character of the no questions any one would like to put, I beg, inspections must, however, largely depend gentlemen, to propose the adoption of the report the business hitherto carried on by your petitioners Mr. George seconded, and the motion was carried nem. con. On the motion of Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr.

> and C. P. Chater were re-elected on the Con-On the motion of Mr. HENDERSON, seconded

This concluded the business of the meeting.

CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED. The sixteenth ordinary annual meeting of the sharehelders of the Chinese Insurance Co. was held at the Company's office on Thursday

an emb arrassing nature, or, if further induce- rates, I may mention that the China offices are Praya. remarked that one year's satisfactory working late a vest amount of talk and correstion. The whole inconvenience was caused by nau trade. Manila has also been mentioned, would be sufficient to establish the Company on but suited and has also been mentioned, would be sufficient to establish the Company on pondence has taken place on the subject. The want of attention to a notification issued by revenue steamers, samuly vectoria, which whole under the Additional Article. China might would be the volume of its progress and develop-

and Mr. Fung Tang were re-elected directors. and T. Arnold were re-elected auditors. the meeting.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative

His EXCELLENCY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, HON. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G. Hon. Sir GEORGE PHILLIPPO, Chief Justice. Hon. F. STEWART, Acting Colonial Secretary. Hon. E.J. ACKROYD, Acting Attornoy-General

Hon. A. LISTER, Colonial Treasurer. Hon. J. M. PRICE, Surveyor-General. Hon. H. G. TROMSETT, Harbour Master. Hon. P. RYRIE. Hon. WONG SHING. Hon. A. P. MACEWEN.

Hon. J. BELL-IRVING.

Mr. A. SETH, Clerk of Councils.

Hon. C. P. CHATEB.

The minutes of the last meeting were read

The Acting Colonial Secretary-I have to lay on the table some correspondence in con-Agents seem to be under the impression the cent, for the loan, whereas provision was made for what was considered necessary, so much for interest and so much for sinking fund.

PETITIONS AGAINST THE OPIUM BILL. Clerk of Councils has received two positions here for three years—amounts to £140,000 turned. I could not think the house was risk. which have been approved of by the Customs, modified and the present one adopted. It was ment or of the Hungkong representative on Taku to Tientsip prove very costly. The about the Opium Bill, I move that they be read, a vent of which the colony contributes only ing its correspondence in view of that notice. and that it shall not be removed theme and the opium Bill, I move that they be read, a vent of which the colony contributes only ing its correspondence in view of that notice.

jee Hormusjoo & Co., all of Victoria in the colony.

Shewers. That at a recent meeting of the opium that Mujor General Cameron warmly supports now before your Honourable Council, entitled "An Ordinance for the better regulation of the trade in op um" it was inter alia resolved that the said Bill. f passed in its present form, would prejudicially affect their trade, and that your petitioners should be appointed a Committee to take such measures as they might consider advisable to bring their complaints before your Honourable Council.

That while fully recognizing the accessity of carry. the prevention of opium smuggling into China, and while sympathizing with its spirit, your petitioners submit that the means by which it is proposed to effectuate such object would inflict serious injuty caused by-the action of the Post Office Auupon the uplum trade, and especially on the aforesaid. opium importers and wholesale and retail opium dealers, and prove a blow to the general commerce and prosperity of this colony.

to be accomplished by the said Bill could be attained by other and less objectionable means, and that your

ment will no doubt endeavour to obtain a the most unprofitable factor in the Company's day, the 18th inst., it is desirable to postpone the modification of the agreement in this respect. sifuirs, and put a stop to what has been a steady second reading thereof so we to enable the persons If the merchants cannot show this there is drain on its resources. It must also be re- who are more immediately interested, as well as the

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray I.—That the second reading of the said Bill may be postponed until such day as your Honourable

objections to the said Bill in its present form. fied as to remove the objections of your petitioners, or that it may be withdrawn and a fresh Bill introduced such as the necessity of the case requires, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c. .

S. E. SHELLIM. J. B. Moszs. R. D. TATA. M. D. EZEKIEL. M, KHETSEY. J. Khetsat.

H. M. MEHTA. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1887. The humble patition of the undersigned merchants and traders resident in Hongkong respectfully

1 .- Your petitioners are dealers in opium residing and carrying on business in Hongkong. introduced and read a first time entitled "An Ordinance

quantition less than one chest.

of them will be irretrievably gained.

5 Your pelitioners respectfully submit that the

the said Bill they may be heard by their counsel against the said Bill under the provisions of the 47th

second reading. WING KAT CHEUNG,

HIS EXCELLENCY—As regards the prayers

that on the return of Admiral Hamilton from under cover to every mercantile house, to every extraordinary proceedings is not improbably furtailment. Whilst therefore not acquiesoing largely increase. No questions being asked, Mr. Comen second- the North the matter would be pressed forward. custom house, and to every missionary, to attributed to fear of the Chinese authorities, the publicare aware nothing has been done. I found in the directory, at Shanghai it was sions." The second extract is one from a report is only released ou payment of the Tis. 110 On the motion of Mr. Grove, seconded by have reason to know that General Cameron is only circulated by express. The business signed by my hon friend on the right (Hon. P. Singapore for years—a scheme which I con- jest I shall not offer any spology for detaining

duty and lekin. All fear us to the opium Mr. A. H. pos Remedios, the Hon. C. P. Chater in favour of the scheme, and therefore I presume arrangements are so perfect in Shanghai that I Ryrie), Mr. Lowcock, and Mr. Keswick. It sidered would be for the mutual advantage it is a matter only of cost. On referring to the thought in issuing an express the matter runs as follows :-- "Theseizures that are constant of Hongkong and China. Having objected On the motion of Mr. J. A. nos Remedios, estimate of the cost made by my hon. friend the would be brought to the attention of every mer. by made and the terror inspired by the lawless to the bulk plan, and having learned that On the motion of Mr. Blias. Mesers. L. Hanschild seconded by Mr. Elias. Mesers. L. Hanschild and T. Arnold were re-elected auditors. The CHAIRMAN announced that the interest military own a very large area in this sent to each mercantile house, than there was at been loudly exclaimed against and condemned, ject to the following conditions:—I.—That China warrants would be sent round on the 1st April, Colony, three million square feet, and that Shanghai, where it was only circulated by ex. but no change for the better has taken place, will arrange with Portagal that Macao adapts warrance would be sent rounded in the last they press. I cannot feel that I am even much to It has been frequently and abundantly proved a similar or equivalent measure. 2.—That if it is the meeting.

The meeting with rounded and recommendation of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in issuing the notice in Shanghai by extent of the blance in its in the blance in its interest in i Colony in the shape of taxation. I think they press and not under cover. However, I am hindrance to the trade of the colony, unjust, or revenue of Hongkong it shall be given up. might cortainly pay a certain portion of happy to inform the hon, member that the whole and in its effects demoralising; and the papers 3.—That opium which has paid duty of Tis. 110 two sections, and the Chinese now talk of two isat an end. Theinconvenience-which Thavesaid His Excellency by the Chief Justice, the Acting the interior and shall partake of the advantages Council was held on the 25th March. There would benefit the military and also, I am cer- to the houses which did not pay attention to the the system adopted by the English officers of the The scheme was as follows: tain, benefit this colony, because undenbtedly we notice has induced them to stamp their letters. Hoppe of Canton, show that Chinese of the lowest

of the colony but theirevenue would be increased last ton days. I only hope the mention of this the service, and educated to prey upon the people thereby. I therefore put the following question- subject in Council will not induce people to as false accusers and extertioners." The end of Whether any decision has as yet been arrived at | think that a practice which is in every way ob. | all these complaints was the passing of an article with reference to the Praya Extension Scheme; jectionable may be resumed, because the practin the Chefoo Convention which runsus follows:and will call for all correspondence and papers tice is now at an end, and I hope we have seen "The Government of Hongkong having long

however, I find has been dated the 22nd March whole matter has settled itself. -for my own information and for the inforof Hongkong, for and on behalf of the opium im- motion of the Secretary of State. It gives a porters and wholesale opium merchants of the history of the scheme up to the present date.

The last paragraph I have added to-day, stating reply has been received from the Colonial Office hon, friend if he will call at the Colonial Becretary's Office, and any he wishes will be laid on the table, but I think it would be quite unnecessary to have the whole of this immense mass of correspondence laid on the table and printed.

RETURNING UNSTAMPED LETTERS. His Exceptency-The Hon. A. P. Mac-Ewen will now ask another question. Hon. A: P. MACEWEN-Sir, my attention has lately been drawn from Shanghal and the Coast Ports to the great inconvenience and loss thorities here in returning to the senders unstumped correspondence. I would mention two cases as illustrations. A firm in Shanghai missed the mail, and it must be recollected that in Shanghai the mail closes at night and that the steamer lies some 14 or 15 miles down the river, so that it is impossible to send a clerk on board the steamer to post letters at the last moment as is often done in this colony. There was a time to catch the mail here, so they put their Hongkong with the request to forward the lettors by the mail. The letter arrived at the Post Office here, and it was opened by the Post Office authorities and the whole contents of that mail

were returned to Shanghai. I would only leave Conneil may under the circumstances deem meet.

That your petitioners may be heard by Counsel it to hon, members to imagine the feelings of a at the bar of your Honourable Council as to their firm who think the whole of their mail is half way to England on unding some fine morning 3. That the said Bill may be so amended or modi- the whole of it laid on their desk at Shanghai. I maintain that the Post Office authorities in this colony, if there was no outward sign as to who the senders were, had no legal right to The COLONIAL TREASURER-It was not

Hon. A. P. MACEWEN-My hon. friend will be made. have an opportunity of replying afterwards. I courtesy on the part of the Postmaster-General move the second reading of the Bill for the better | the Commissioners feel that the Colonial Go- or prepared, and we seek to make the consumers to have informed the firm's correspondents in regulation of the trade in opium. In doing so I vernment is called upon by considerations of pay the duty. It is believed that opium into have informed the first a correspondence in special and any shall endeavour, as briefly as possible, to lay be policy to prevent in every reasonable way the tended for places near Hongkong does not pay the Colony of the matter. If there was any shall endeavour, as briefly as possible, to lay belittle irregularity he should have written to fore the Council the circumstances which have freedom of this part from being abused by be- duty, and I am informed that the whole of the them and stated what it was, because he must made the Ordinance necessary, I might almost ing made the means of defrauding the authori- Wanchai district is supplied with opium that have been aware what the contents of this cover say, imperative. You are all aware that the ties of the neighbouring empire of their legiti- has been smuggled, boiled, and prepared in were. I would state another case. It is very collection of the maritime customs in China are mate dues, provided that the Chinese Govern- Kowloon City, and then brought back here and often the practice, in fact it is always the cust entrusted to two different departments—the ment on its part will conform to the provisions sold. For the honest trader every facility will tom of Fire Insurance Companies, to notify foreign collectorate, which collects all import of the treaties in respect of tariff stipulations, be given which is possible. Parties wishing to when policies lapse and the day and hour that and export duties on goods carried by for- and will moreover enter into effective guarantees break up a chest will take it to the station, they they fall in. Now, in one or two instances eign vessels to and from treaty ports, and that the trade of Hongkong shall not be sub- will pay duty on what they have sold, the and letters have been sent down to this Colony the native collectorate, which collects all jected to irregular, indefinite, or exceptional thorities will make up their opium into such with a request to the Fire Insurance does and duties on goods carried by junks taxation, and that vessels and goods shall quantities as they desire, and the rest will be Company or their agents to renew those to and from both treaty and other ports. not be forfeited, or persons trading to or stored there, as it were, in bond. I believe there policies, but to the utter astonishment of By the Treaty of Tientsin the duty on foreign from Hongkong be punished for smuggling will be very little retail trade to be inter-Robert Hast, as there would be less likelibood of a Government official being in colluthe Company's agents at Manila If there are

less the senders and open tribunal in the removal and business many hundred and the North, foreign opium is mostly carried in forture and the North and the turned. The fire insurance has lapsed, and the North, foreign opium is mostly carried in for- which complete confidence may be reposed by of the blockade, the threatened withdrawal of river 4—If the said Bill becomes law in its present form if a fire had occurred in the meantime it eign ships, and the duty is therefore collected by would have caused a most serious loss if not per- the foreign collectorate, while in the Boath a clear that if China experienced a difficulty in | we hope for an increase in our opium revenue, haps ruin to the people in question. Now, sir, I great deal of the opium is carried in junks to repressing smuggling when the duty was only besides doing away with an international griethe capital therein employed will be idle, the hundrests am unware that in the annual report of the Post-a treaty ports and non-treaty ports and non-treaty ports and non-treaty ports and non-treaty ports. or persons now occupied in the said pusiness will be aminimized that in the annual report of the list taken overland and pays duty to the much greater difficulty and a great impetus will what Singapore has done years ago, for its own thrown out of employment, and your petitioners will master General there is a notification to the is taken overland and pays duty to the all of them suffer grievous loss and injury, and some offect that unstamped letters will either not native collectorate. All this opium has hitherbe forwarded or will be returned. But although to paid duty according to the manner in creased from thirty to one handred and ten taels, in less quantities than one chest. One thing this annual report of the Postmaster-General is which it was carried. Junk-shipped opium has and when the article once introduced into China I should wish to mention, and that is that be far more effectually carried out by means other a very valuable document doubtless as a Departbe lar more electrically carried out by means other a very value of an interest of the English ness population than at Hongkong, the revenue than those contained in the said Bill, and without loss mental document, there are very few people ped opium. Besides this duty on opium there are very few people ped opium. or injury to any class of the community; and they even in this Colony who read it; and not one is another tax called lekin, which is imposed by Government that the Additional Article would I derived from opium is 31,032,000, while here we therefore humbly pray that on the second reading of in ten in the Coast ports, I venture to say, the Viceroys of different provinces. It has be a failure unless certain facilities were granted receive only \$183,000. Why is this Because the said Bill they may be heard by their countries. I venture to say, the Viceroys of different provinces. ever sees it I am also given to understand that a varied in amount from time to time, and has by the Government of Hongkong for the collecthere is so much opinm surreptitionsly boiled that agrange the said But under the provisions of the 47th ever sees to a sure most the country of the Star ding Orders and trades of this Honourable notification was issued from the Post Office here sometimes been less in one province than in an-

should then have tramways, and not only the health and I have not seen an unstamped letter for the class are employed as informers, received into

the last of it. The resolution of the Chamber complained of the interference of the Canton HIS EXCELLENCY—In toply to the question of Commerce has been referred to me and I Customs Revenue Cruisers with the junk trade of my hon friend I beg to state no decision has shall be able to deal with the matter more fully of that Colony, the Chinese Government agrees yot been arrived at with regard to the Praya in my report on that resolution, and adduce to the appointment of a Commission to consist of extension, for this reason, that we are waiting many additional reasons which have not occurred a British Consul, an officer of the Hongkong Gofor the sauction of the Admiralty at Home. to the gentlemen who have expressed themselves vernment, and a Chinese official, of equal rank, Sir George Bowen pressed this scheme forward somewhat warmly on the subject. Before I sit in order to the establishment of some system that as much as he possibly could, but he encounts- down I will state that the cover which my shall enable the Chinese Government to protect red great opposition from the Military and hon, friend has laid on the table was not its revenue without prejudice to the interests of Naval Authorities. I am happy to state that opened. That I desire to state in the most the colony." It is not necessary now to inquire General Cameron warmly supports the schome categorical manner. I put that cover up into the circumstances which prevented this and has even recommended to the War Office myself and enclosed it in another. The inner clause being acted upon. In 1883 negotiations that a portion of the expenditure should be cover might have come open on the way up, as took place in London between the Secretary of borne by them, but the Admiralty have not yet sometimes happens with a cloth-lined envelope, but State for Foreign Affairs and the Ma quis of Chinese in British territory. given their consent and they strongly objected I state that this cover, which I know originated Teeng which resulted in an additional article, to the water frontage being taken away from with Messrs. Holliday, Wise & Co., which bers dated July 18th, 1885, and one clause of it I But on further consideration the British Comthem. With regard to one remark made by my their seal, was not opened. There was no reason will read—"In lieu of the arrangement re- missioners themselves were of opinion that if Council was told we would have to pay 7 per hon, friend I must correct him. He says that why it should have been. It was returned in specting opium proposed in clause 3 of sec- loose halls of opium were obtainable without the the military being here does not add anything fact. In fact my own impression was that some tion III. of the Chofoo Agreement it is protection of a duty paid cartificate smuggling to the revenue of the Colony. He perhaps is one in the office, knowing the attention of the agreed that foreign opium, when imported into would still go on, junks be everhauled. and not aware that the cost of the troops—their pay, firm had been called to the matter, had taken China shall be taken cognissues of by the Im. steamers searched, whilst the production of rations, clothing, and one third of the cost a huge envilope and put a number of news. perial Maritime Customs, and shall be deposited duty certificates previous to delivery could The Acting Colonial Secretary—The of transport movements—for they are papers in it to see if it would be re- in bond, either in warehouses or receiving hulks not be allowed. The system was therefore The CLERK OF COUNCILS read the petitions 20,000. The greater part of this £140,000 is In any case I was bound to carry out the notice. there shall have been paid to the Customs the even by the Opium Farmer, in quantities spent in the colony and therefore does good to It would have been very easy for whoever des- tariff duty of thirty taels per chest of less than one chest. Experience in Sin-To His Excellence the Passident, and the the colony. That does not include the cover to put stamps on it. He was and also a sum not exceeding eighty tasks gapore proved that the retail trade only fortifications, the buildings recently acquired, or not asked to catch the mail, or to send it at any per like chest as lekin." The minth clause is as amounted to three or four balls a month, and the guns. It simply covers their clothing, ra- certain time, but simply to put stamps on the follows:-"It is understood that the Commission | therefore the Opium Farmer did not desire to

> THE PROPOSED GAP ROCK LIGHT. regarding the proposed light on Gap Rock." on Gap Rock is one I trust your Excellency will

order to have this matter put through.

THE OPIUM RILL. The Acting Attorney General-I beg to Hongkong in relation to the mainland of China, No one wants opium in Hongkong unless bailed Council, and that they may have due notice of such to the various Post Offices in Shanghai and other. With the collection of the lekin the foralong the coast to the effect that unstamped eign collectorate has, hitherto, had nothing to minute which was submitted to the Council at this contraband trade obliges him to piece a letters would be returned. But a notification of do. It was collected at the ports and at various the last meeting. The first plan was that lower price on his prepared article. The adopthat sort is taken very little notice of. Unless places in the interior, It is important to bear the revenue should be collected in India, tion of this scheme will give not only relief to special attention is drawn to the matter they this in mind because according to the Addi- the second that China should do her lown the general trade, which I have mentioned but are very apt to find their way to the waste paper tional Article the lekin duty is now fixed at work, and the third that there should be a give a large increase to the revenue from an the contrary case, and we imagine it will be Messrs. H. Foss (Chairman); M. Grote, J. A. dos b heard by counsel before this Council, I am basket without much head being paid to them. eighty tasks without much head being paid to them. I must express the opinion that in this instance | ture be collected by the Foreign Customs and bethe Postmaster General has exceeded his duty. fore the opium is taken possession of by the purand I trust that having given publicity to the chaser. The attempt which the Hoppo and the hulk plan was submitted for the consideration possible, because the action of the Macao Viceroy made to collect the duty and the lekin of the Commission. Under these circumstances Government depends, in a great measure, on our will soon adapt itself to its new conditions.

What course it will take it may portage be premature to predict, but we may be premature to predict, but we may be premature to predict, but we may be premature to be a premature to predict, but we may be premission we will take it as read with your permission we will take it as read to be a premission of my hon. Friend, some corrumnt to preventive services and the Opium Farmer of the information of my hon. Friend, some corrumnt to preventive services and the Opium Farmer of the information of my hon. Friend, some corrumnt to preventive services and the Opium Farmer of the information of my hon. Friend, some corrumnt to preventive services and the Opium Farmer of the information of my hon. Friend, some corrumnt to preventive services and the Opium Farmer of the information of my hon. Friend, some corrumnt to preventive services and the Opium Farmer of the information of my hon. Friend, some corrumnt to preventive services. The considered the opium Farmer of the information of my hon. 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After deducting re-insurances sort of ministure bonded warehouse, so to and return promis there is a net result of heard I think they should be heard at once. It done. Now, sir, I exceedingly and most sincerely gan. I am not going to allude to this at any have often been admitted, she would be able to Government. On that point I may also speak. In any case no apprehension \$340,193.94, which is \$97,000 better than our is well understood they can take no part in the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has arisen from greatlength because you are all fully aware of the regret any inconvenience which has a reserve to the regret and the regret any inconvenience which has a regret and the speak. In any case no apprehension need be entertained of the trade being diversed from Hongkong. Macao is indiverted from Hongkong. Macao is in- \$125,000, and our earnings from interestorie lar- remarks made by the mover and seconder they are already of the sending back of as to the alleged in the sending ba cluded in the agreement, and cannot there ger by \$4,200, while our losses are materially can only do so by referring to the arguments in these letters. But I did not know really what I to and the facility of this island and the facility of the facility of the facility of the facility of this island and the facility of the facility o fore enter into the field as a competitor less in 1886 than in the preceding year. We a hypothetical way as reasons that may be urged was to do. A notification had been issued which that these complaints have now ceased and that geographical position of this island and the facilities it of their prices. But I do not know really what I to successful extent conexcept on equal terms, as at present. In the now carry forward a balance of \$125,771.29, out in favour of the Bill. The great danger is that had been most carefully considered. I shall state the blockade is a thing of the past. This I French colony of Cocbin-China and the pro- of which we propose to pay \$15,000 for 5 per counsel would try to avail themselves of the measures taken to bring this notification shall allude to further on. This blockade was increasing our own revenue, assist China to pro- any opium except from large merchants here. tected state of Tonguin there are opium cent. interest for the half-year (making 8 per motion for adjournment really to interfere in the under the notice of the persons interested. Was a constant source of complaint. On the one tect here, and while protecting her own revenue and in very large quantities. I hope that the farms and fiscal arrangements which would cent for the year), and I trust that when the debate, and that of course they cannot be allow. 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burn, of the P. and O. Company, who is now here community were total strangers to it. The advantageous. They obtained 25 per cent. or in connection with the affairs of that Company. Commissioner, in his report, in speaking of the one duty and 40 per cent. on the other, and has expressed to me the most strong opinion Commission, says as follows:-"The island of therefore all this trade was centred in Hongkong. about that light; in fact it was one of the points Hongkong is separated from the mainland If the duty was paid in Canton they did not enhe was instructed to inquire into by his directors of China by a narrow strait, varying from half a joy that privilege. That should be borne in at home. In addition to that Mr. Henderson, the mile to four miles in breadth, and situated mind when we consider this Ordinance. The engineer of the Imperial Maritime Customs, along a shore line faced by a range of high question we should ask correlves is, what arrived here the other day for the express purpose mountains to be crossed only by three or four is the effect of the Additional Article, and coast steamer leaving the tollowing morning in of seeing about this light, and we were obliged to steep passes. This geographical position, so quite irrespective of this Ordinance will tell him nothing whatever had been heard. It favourable for a preventive service, whilst afford- there be that large retail trade in future? letters in a covered address to their firm in trust therefore if you have not yet received and ing the Chinese Government the ready means I think it may be said nearly all the opinm will answer from the Secretary of State your Ex- of protecting its revenue, which would be want- now be shipped by steamers, and opinm wanted cellency will see the advisability of wiring in ing if the colony were placed at a greater dis- for Canton, Fatshan, and other places near will The Acting Colonial Secretary-In re- length of coast, is, nevertheless, from the numer- take place. Therefore the retail trade is reply to the question of my hon, friend I have to our bays, creeks, and inlets along the Chinese ceiving a very severe blow even if this Ordinlsy on the table some correspondence respecting coast, a constant source of annoyance to the Gothe proposed light on Gap Rock, which verament of China, and induces the maintenance certain retail trade in opium which is source of an armed flotilla for miles up and down the gled, and that will be stopped whether we tary of State on the subject, dated 12th coast opposite Hongkong. The Commissioners interfere or not. The amount sold by retail February. I may add that this Government submit, with reference to the whole question of for lawful export being thus greatly diminished, has received no proposal from the Chinese Gov- smuggling from this colony into Chine and the it was thought a small station in Chinese ernment with respect to this light, but as their so-called blockade, that according to international territory just outside our boundaries would

engineer is here and has gone to the Gap Rook law it is no part of the duty of the be sufficient to meet the wants of the small ko-I have no doubt in a short time a proposal will Government of Hongkong to assist the nest retail trade which will remain here. The Chinese Government in the collection of its only places between which it could take place revenue. Yet, considering the position of would be Hongkong and places very near

tarms and uscal arrangements which would mental arrangements and do what we can. The Hongkong Commission and honest attempt to get rid single existing risks have expired we shall be able to do. They can, if they like, put a hypometric states what are his reasons for doing are the consideration. I won't do it," or "I have said I will existing risks have expired we shall be able to do. They can, if they like, put a hypometric states what are his reasons for doing are the consideration. I won't do it," or "I have said I will exist mental arrangement for the original arrangements of the dealers no better than the proposed arrangement for Hongkong, be
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this amount. The town is already divided into question is now one of the past. The whole thing which have been submitted to us addressed to a pioul shall be free from all further imposts in Hongkongs. If the Praya were extended it I most sincerely regret—which has been caused Attorney-General, and the Junior Magistrate on and the benefits of the Additional Article.

.-That all opium coming into the Hurbour shall be reported to a Government official, and that no opium shall be allowed to be imported in quantities less than one chest. 2.—That no opium shall be landed, transhippe I, stored or moved from one godown to another, ar reshipped until a permit is granted by a Government official 3.-The granting the monopoly of the sale of loose Opium for export to a farmer and his licensees misfeet to conditions framed by the Covernor in Conneil, which would include, among others, a record of sale and purchase, Government inspection, &c. -The possession of raw apiden within the Colone of

Its waters in quantities less them one chest to b illegal, unless it can be shown that it is intended for export, and good evidence of such intention. would be the production of a counting to of purchase from the farmer or his licensees and a proper during corlain hours, or their leaving the with opium except during cort via hours.

6 .- Due provision for search for deficiencies.

The humble petition of Shellim Ezekiel Shellim, of tions, transport, and befrack expenses. My cover. That he declined to do, and I very provided for in clause 7 of section III. of the have the privilege of selling opinm, and a change the firm of David Sassoon, Sons & Co., Jacob friend has asked for all correspondence and part the inconvenience which may have Chefoe Agreement to inquire into the question of was made which would operate equally in favour pers on the subject. They are exceedingly vo- fallen on the firm in consequence, but the Post the prevention of smuggling into China from of an increase in our revenue. The chief objec-Entropies Passency rate, or the urm of rate of the firm of Abra. luminous and would take a couple of hours to Office, having appointed as soon as post tion to this scheme, which is embedied in the ham, Ezskiel & Co., Mahomedhhoy Khetsey, of read, but I lay on the table a memorandum of thing on a certain day, was bound to do that shield there beg to call attention to Ordinance, is the restrictions which clauses 3 and the firm of Tl. in Topan, Jafferbhoy Khotsey, of my own. In October last I prepared this which thing. I am very glad, however, to say the the difference in the first 4 will place on the retail trade in opinm in this Hongkong appears as the complainant, and the colony. I admit that they will place a cersection provided for the appointment of a Com- tain restriction on it but not to such an mission to inquire into the interference of the extent as at first appears. It must be Hon. A. P. MACEWEN asked "Whether any Canton Customs revenue craisers with the junk borne in mind that quite irrespective of trade of the colony, and also for the establishment this Ordinance the new system must of itself of some system which would enable the Chinese | work a very great change in the retail trade the scheme. All the papers are open to my He said—Sir, the question I put as to the light Government to protect its revenue without pre- There has been and there is a very large retail judice to the interests of Hongkong; while trade in opium in this colony but there are be able to give a satisfactory answer to. It can in the other article the complaint of Hong. special reasons for it, which will disappear as not be a matter of funds, because when the ques- kong appears to have been totally for- soon as the Additional Article is put in force. tion was under consideration some time ago there gotten and the object of the Commission This duty on opium shipped in junks went to was absolutely no opposition and there is \$25,000 | was to inquire into smuggling from Hongkong | the Hoppe, and in order to seeme it the Hoppe or \$30,000 per annum profit on the light dues | into China. In 1883 a Commission was appoint. | gave a reduction of 25 per cent. in the duty which, as I said at the time, goes into the gene- ed presided over by his Honour the Chief Justice whilst the Lekin Board, in order to secure the ral revenue when it ought to be placed to a sand composed of my hon. friend on the right (Hon. payment of the lekin, granted a discount of 10 per separate account; and in addition to that the P. Ryrie). Mr. Justice Russell, and I believe Mr. cent. on all daily paid in Hongkong. That was a shipping firms liberally said they would be Bulkeley Johnson. It was undoubtedly a fact, very great inducement, and therefore parties willing to see the light dues increased one cent, as pointed out by that Commission, that smug. wishing for small quantities, and even so much as and I dare say they would consent to two gling to a great extent did take place from one chest, sent down here and their agents here or even three cents a ton, in order to have Hongkong, was carried on by the Chinese them, advanced the money and paid both the import this very desirable light put up. Captain Al- selves, and that the European portion of the and lekin duty here. They found it was very

now-enjoyed by them would probably suffer rid of the impediments the volume of trade will

in the bulk plan I felt that something The Colonial TREASURER-I beg, sir, to should be done, and I had prepared a second the motion of my learned friend and in scheme founded on legislation existing in view of the very great importance of the suba eno or two observations on the merits of this the risk of forcing a Bill that may seriously Bill. There have been only two really serious affect the commerce of the port. The matter is objections to it brought forward. The first is one that was brought up about five years ago in the most easily managed, and refers to what have this Connoil at a private meeting-I think there i been called the inquisitorial powers given to the were only unofficials present—and it was consi-Opium Former. The second is a more difficult dered a most inadvisable measure, a measure one, and refers to the effect the Bill will have that would dostroy the freedom of this port-on the retail trade in opium which goes on in which it will do. There has been a good deal of this Colony. Now, sir, to take the second one talk about the removal of the blockade. Now I first. In considering a question of this kind I should like to know if that is to be removed. think we ought to see how far we have roully It is merely transferred from the hands of Chiand practically any choice in the matter. The nese to Enropean officers—and I am very glad it should be approved by His Excellency the home Government, it appears to me, is fully de- of it. I think it a move in the right direc- Officer Administering the Government. I may termined to bring to an end the diplomatic tion. But still I will do credit to the Chi- any that the measures indicated in that Notice trouble which has been for the last twenty years ness who have been managing it for some are simply the carrying out of Ordinance No. or perhaps longer going on about this blockade years past by saying that complaints have been 6 of 1881 Section 16 (1) and might therefore and the sauggling into China from this colony. very few. Perhaps many complaints have been legally be put in force without any notice at all, It has had before it the serious question of Gi- withheld, but it is the fact that there have been but as they are of the nature of a new departure, braltar, which somewhat resembles the question very few brought forward. With reference and as they will at first provoke some criticism here; a course has been adopted there which I to the complaint referred to in the Chamber of and a good deal of inevitable grambling, I feel believe has been successful, and the home Go-. Commerce the other day, had I known it was bound to explain their necessity and advantage, vernment is revolved something must be done. such a trivial one as it was afterwards explained and to make sure that, in the brief period of It is not for this colony to say nothing can or to be by the gentleman who wrote the letter it discontent which will ensue, I shall be supported shall be done. We shall be obliged to do some- would never have appeared in the Chamber's re- by the Government. thing to meet the views of the British and Chi- port. With reference to the Opium Former ex- 2. The evil which a is sought to check arises nese Governments. It is quite possible we may smining the godowns, my hon. friend opposite chiefly at Swatow, Amoy, and Foodbow. It is go further and fare worse. It is practically a (the Colonial Treasurer) said he would never give the fashion at these ports not to post letters, choice between inflicting some inconvenience, any trouble. By article 16 he is bound to ex- but to send them on board the steamers. The I hope not much, but still some inconvenience amine them five times a month under a penalty consequence is that, when the Coast Mail aron, the retail dealer in opium, and accepting of \$500. what has been referred to as the hulk plan, The COLONIAL TREASURER-No; he may a large box full of what are called loose letters, which really amounts to a surrender of the if he likes. freedom of the port, with many other inconvenienceson which I shall touch. The difficulty in arrang. I" If the Opium Farmer shall neglect or retuse, ing any plan hitherto has been in making any or shall without sufficient cause unreasonably

agreement which would include Macao, because it delay to do any of the acts or things hereinbewas uscless for us to downything here unless equi- fore provided and required to be done by him. valent measures were taken at Macao. That has now be shall be liable to a penalty for each such been done, and everything is in position for a offence not exceeding five hundred dollars." satisfactory arrangement of the question. The The COLONIAL TREASURER-Yes: but be question is, what is that satisfactory arrange- is not required to inspect the godowns. He mass, two or three hundred letters are not stamment to be? If Sir Robert Hart's hulk plan, may do so if be likes. then virtually the freedom of our port and the The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL-That each one must be weighted and the postage markexisting facilities of steamer navigation go, section merely refers to the signing of cer- ed upon it. Then they must be distributed to Or there will be a serious, regular, unbroken tificates and so on. blockade. Steamers will be searched down to Hon. P. Ryrry - Then it ought to be made are addressed, so many for this bank, so many the very last puckage; the personal luggage of more clear. However, I think the matter ought for that, and so on. The total postage due by passengers will-be searched; everything will be not to be pressed on. Any further remarks I each firm must be added up, and an entry made put a stop to until this search has been carried will make will be on the resumption of the in the account of that firm. Then the letters out; the steamers themselves may possibly be second reading or in committee. The Bill is can be delivered. And all this, perhaps, at 10 open to confiscation in case opium is found on most universally condemned outside, condemned o'clock on French Mail morning. board in possession of a passenger or fireman, by nearly every one. If we adopt the hulk plan the freedom of the port if we are to work this plan we must work it pressing. honestly and fairly and carry out our engage. We have to choose between these three incon- days' notice is required veniences. The effective blockade plan, I take Hon. Wong Smine-I beg to say-that for charged to their correspondents here. it, will not be looked upon for one moment, the the last two or three months speculation has been 6.—A considerable, number of the Coast

into something worse. The retail trade is doom- them to collect some of this amount. given by the Bill to the Oplum Farmer, that can | Chinese. here from Singapore with strong recommends. adjourned to Tuesday next. found them to be diligent and attentive people; cond that. demands. Their manager came to me yesterday to consider the same subject. he asked. "do these gentlemen say I am going not you make your meeting earlier? to give trouble? Have I ever given trouble in Hon. P. Rymrs-No, the mail only goes at Singapore?" That seems to me to go to the four. What information have we as to Macao? root of the matter The man nover has given His Excellency-I have a despatch from trouble in Singapore, and I do not suppose there | Sir John Walsham informing me that Portugal is any probability he will give trouble here. has undertaken that there shall be a similar As to our opium revenue, I trust the Council measure at Macoo. Would three o'clock on will not neglect this opportunity of improving Wodnesday suit the unofficial members ? it. My hon, friend opposite (Hon. P. Ryrie) Hon, P. Rynen said-that would not give the nature. has urged we were not and are not getting Chamber of Commerce time to have a meeting. torney General we have not been able to im. on Tuesday. prove our excise revenue from opium. The efforts which were made to improve it were not | was only a committee meeting. small us not to be measurable. Several officers the voting being as follows. :around this table know how near we were to losing everything unless-it were the miserable rem- The Harbour Master mant on opium consumed in this colony, and that would have been collected under the greatest distantinges. In face of our numerous public The Acting Col. Secretary Hon. P. Ryrie works we cannot afford to receive any and that The Surveyor-General Hon. J. Bell-Irving Hon. A. P. MacEwe The Acting Col. Secretary Hon. P. Ryrie works we cannot afford to neglect any opportu- The Obief Justice nity of replenishing the exchequer if we can do . THE ABOLITION OF PENAL SERVITUDE. it consistently with the public welfare. I can-

agree with me. I beg to second the motion. Hon, C. P. CHATER-Sir, the important massure now before the Council has caused those the Acting Governor was presented to the merchants interested in the opium trade a certain | Legislative Council on the 25th March :amount of anxiety and which has resulted in the petitions forwarded to your Excellency, and which, by your permission, have just been read 1.—In 1889, the Surveyor-General submitted, by the Clerk of Councils. The merchants of this at the request of Sir George Bowen, plan and colony, anxions as they are to assist the Gövern- estimate of an extension of the Praya in front ment in its endeavour to stop smuggling into of the Naval and Military Buildings, with the China, feel nevertheless that the present Ordin. view of providing a public thoroughfare connect- pary, 1857. ance in its existing form threatens one particular ing the Eastern and Western parts of the City branch of trade in the gravest possible manner. of Victoria. Seven acres of reclaimed ground They have therefore potitioned your Excellency would be added to the Naval and Military proto postpone the second reading of this Bill until perties. The cost of this extension of the Praya such a date as would give them ample time to was estimated by Mr. Price, at \$45,00 t. would in some measure meet the difficulty, -I beg of the cost, and the Imperial Government the to propose that the second reading of this Bill rest. be postponed to this day three weeks, and I also | 3.—The Local, Naval, and Military Authopropose that the petitioners be heard by Counsel rities, however, did not approve of the Surveyoras to their objections to the said Ordinance. proposition of my hon friend:

and could not have been placed in better hands.

and I think every member of the Council will

already mentioned that it is necessary this Bill 4 .- Subsequently, however, another plan was should be passed as soon as possible, because the proposed by the Naval and Military Authorities | quired on more advantageous terms :-- Our adpassing until after your Excellency's departure. I whole cost of the extension

two, hon friends in the idea of a postponement would gain six acres of reclaimed land and the of this Bill. It is a most important Bill and Naval Authorities two and a half sores, the whole one that will certainly affect the trade of this valued by the Surveyor-General at £160,000, one colony most seriously, and it has never been re- hundred and sixty, thousand pounds sterling. There is no increase. The lekin has been collect. from £45,000 to £71,000. ed for years and years. It is only transfe red 8 .- In the present state of the Finances of the to a different department. So that falls to the Colony it could not, unassisted, undertake to

the lekin. Hon. P. RYRIE-I think not.

discount of 40 per cent_ before. Hongkong.

takes delivery.

through because two of the leading members of the Prays must necessarily be postponed. this Council are leaving shortly I think is

the Council a few-minutes longer while I make | rather a poor excuse. We cannot afford to run

Hon. P. RYRIE-But he is bound by a penalty.

The CHIEF JUSTICE.-I should like to know

biting dealings in broken chests of opium; and has been sent away on credit. We might post- do so. I may say, moreover, that the, work we keng Chambar of Commerce:washould accept this, if only lest perchance we fall pone the second reading of this Bill to enable this Office has increased so much, and but his tion, by the additional duty which the Chinese to bring it into force at once. In fact I sup- of charging letters to account a relic of a state Officer Administering the Government, to state

are resolved to levy under all circumstances. As pose it could not be brought into force at once of things to which I am about to refer. to the other objection, which refers to the powers | because it would not suit the intentions of the

Hon. P. Ryele—On that day a special meetand asked me a very portinent question. "Why," The ACTING ATTORNEY-GENERAL-Could

Hon. P. Ring said the meeting on Tuesday

successful. The duty was forced up too high | A division was then taken on the question and too suddenly, and I will not say we were that the consideration of the second reading of within measurable distance of losing our opium | the Bill be postponed until Wednesday at three revenue altogether, because the distance was so c'clock, which was carried by a majority of one,

> Hon. C. P. Chater Hon. A. P. MacEwon

The Bill for the abolition of transportation not resume my seat without adding my tribute, and penal servitude was read a second time.

whatever it may be worth, to the capacity; vigilance, tact, and sagacity displayed by Mr. The Counciladjourned until Wednesdayafter-Russell in this matter. I feel the interests of From at three o'clock. the colony have been well represented by him

MEMORANDUM ON THE QUESTION OF THE PRAYA EXTENSION. The following memorandum by His Excellency

Government House. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1887.

consider the matter thoroughly and prepare their 2.—Sir, George Bowen recommended this objections to the various clauses of the Ordinance, scheme to the Secretary of State. He said that and to see whether the same and could be attain- the scheme was approved by the Finance Comed by less inconvenient means. Believing as I mittee on condition that a fair perpertion of the do that this object can be effected without expense should be borne by the Imperial Goharassing the opium trade, and having some vernment, in consideration of the valuable exsuggestions myself to elaborate before the Bill tension of ground that it would gain; and he goes into Committee—suggestions which I think proposed that the Colony should pay two thirds

General's plan, and asked for modifications, which Hon. A. P. MacEwen-I beg to second the were at first so extensive and costly that the of. Hongkong, that we have abstained from scheme could not be entertained, especially as issuing 4 per cent. Debentures under the pro-The Acting Attorney-General-I have they refused to pay any part of the cost ...

action to be taken at Macao depends on our pro- which would raise the cost from £45,000 to vances now amount to £138,000,—they are as ceedings here. But there are also other reasons. I 264,000. At the same time the Admiral insisted | follows :believe your Excellency is auxious to see this Bill on the Artillery Barracks being handed over by put through before your departure, and I believe the War Department to the Naval Authorities, his Honour the Chief Justice is also about to free of charge, as an extension of the Naval leave us for a short time. It is therefore most Yard; the Civil Government having to provide advisable the second reading of this Bill should not the War Department at its cost with new be postponed until such a date as would delay its Barracks for the Artillery, in addition to the

would therefore suggest that instead of this day 5 .- A further modification was afterwards three weeks the second reading be postponed proposed by General Sargent on the recomuntil a special meeting to be held on Tuesday | mendation of Colonel Walker, which would add next. It might then be debated and if necessary \$27,000 more to the cost, bringing it up to \$71,000. (This is described as Plan No. 3).

Hon. P. RYELE-I beg to say I support my 6 .- According to this last plan the Military

ferred to the ('hamber of Comm res. Bills have 7.—This last scheme (No. 3), was finally often been referred to the Chamber before, and agreed to by the Military, Colonial, and Naval Bills of far less importance than this is, but we Authorities, the latter relinquishing their claim have not been called upon to consider it. We to the Artillery Barracks, the only question rehave had a requisition from the parties infer maining unsettled being the share of the cost ested to hold a meeting, and it is our intention that would be defrayed by each. Both Naval year amount as usual to about £80,000, the proto hold a meeting, but we certainly expected and Military Authorities declined to bear any we should have received some requisition from part of the cost. The Secretary of State for the Government. I could point out a number the Colonies on the other hand would only conof inaccuracies in the remarks of my two hon. sent to the work being undertaken on condition friends who have proposed and seconded the se- of the Imperial Government paying half the cost. cond reading. For instance, my hon friend on This was no doubt in consequence of the criginal the left (the Acting Attorney-General) speaks estimate having been raised, in order to meet the of the large increase in the duty on opium, convenience of the two Imperial Departments

incur the expenditure of even £45,000, the The CHIRF JUSTICE-There is an increase in original Estimate. If the whole expense £71,000 is to be borne by the Colonial Government, the work will have to be postponed for ten The COLONIAL TREASURER-There was a lyears at least, if not longer. 9.—The present General Officer in Command

Hon. P. Ryrie-But they only got that in of the Troops, Major-General Cameron, C.B. has warmly supported the scheme for the ex-The Acting Attorney-General-I rise to tension of the Prays, and has recommended that order, sir. I never said there had been any in. a portion of the cost should be borne by the crease in the lekin. I said it was fixed by the War Office. The Admiralty have, however, not Treaty at Tls. 80, and before it was fixed by the yet given their adherence to a scheme which Viceroys, and varied in the different provinces. will deprive the Naval Yard of its water frontage. By the Additional Article it is fixed at Tls. 80, The last communication from the Admiralty on which has to be paid by the purchaser before he the subject states that the Lords Commissioners Hon. P. RYRIE-I would say this question in the extension of the Naval Yard, and that until charged 7 per cent. for its loans.—I have the favour of the formation of a Medical Missionary St. Petersburg. The characters for each drug one that requires very serious consideration, this has been settled, any decision on the various and the idea that the Bill is to be forced points connected with the proposed extension of W. H. MARSH.

The following correspondence was presented

The following communication has been ad-POSTMASTER GENERAL TO ACTING COLONIAL dressed by the Chamber of Commerce to the

> 24th March, 1887. Chamber, held yesterday, the Ordinances now Hongkong, were fully discussed, and the follow- servant. ing resolution was passed :--Resolved-"That in the opinion of this Com-

rives here over and above the mail bags, there is

all of which are thrown upon this Office pellmell, very often within an hour-or two of the departure of the mail for Europe. 3. - Now, so long as these letters bear postage stamps, this practice is not open to serious objection. To verify the postage and obliterate the stamps takes but a few minutes, and the and it was unanimously letters are ready for delivery or transmission.

4.—Suppose, however, that out of the whole ped. They first have to be picked out, then the boxes of the various firms to which they

RESPONDENCE

to the Legislative Council on the 25th March :-

SECRETARY.

Sir.—I have the honour to enclose a copy of

a Postel Notice which I propose to issue in case

General Post Office.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1886.

goes; we shall have to frame repressive laws; our what three weeks are required for, because I am | those which are not; in other words the merprison-will be full of offenders, not against sure the Council would concede as much as pos- cantile houses here suffer a delay in the delivery our own laws but those of Chipa, because sible if it were really required, but time is very of their correspondence for the sake of the easy. Hon. P. Ririe-I will give one reason. To Foochow, who, so long as their letters get dements to China. Now, sir, that is the position. oall a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce ten livered, do not care who pays the postage; in fact they probably prefer that it should be

hulk plan hardly more so, and me are then driven going on and dealers have sent opium to different | Firms, perhaps, two-thirds, do stamp all their back on Mr. Russell's plan, the plan for prohi- parts of Chins. Two million of dollars worth letters. There is no reason why all should not the angual report of the Hongcome so pressing, that it is very undesirable to The CHIEF JUSTICE—There is no intention allow precious time to be wasted in this system

postage stamps here at all. All the merchants Ellis and Barker, who are engaged making a The Acting-Attorner General—Nothing sent their letters to the Post Office just as they careful inspection of the defence works in proas to our present Farmers. They are very satis, bes been said to induce me to grant further do- were, the letters were weighed, the postage gress in different Colonies, that they consider proposed opinm regulations, the Committee ad- seasons, when vigorous and sappy; and, for factory people to do business with. They came lay. I therefore move the second reading be marked on them, and the total charged to the that a perfectly efficient defence of the Western merchants' accounts. When Sir Hercules Ro- entrance of the harbour of Hongkong cannot be to believe that their action had the effect of pro- deadly poison in Autumn and Winter. As an tions from Sir Cecil Smith, and I have always . The Colonial Treasurer-I beg to se- binson insisted on introducing Postage Stamps secured under present conditions, the distance and prepayment, there was quite an outburst of between Belchers Point and Stonecutters' Island, discontent. The Governor was memorialised, viz., about 4,000 yards being much too great to given any trouble whatever or made extravagant ing of the Chamber of Commerce in being held and begged not to do anything of the sort, and be defended by submarine mines unassisted by when entreaties failed, dogged opposition was passive obstructions. tried. Some of the merchants announced that 2 -An increase to the armament would not they would not stamp their letters. Of course afford any satisfactory solution to the question.

thin position had to be abandoned.... is a relic of this time. All the inconvenience, marine mines, whilst its cost, His Excellency is and all the expense full on Hongkong. The informed would probably be in excess of practice can be stopped in three months with a \$1,000,000. little firmness, and those who most dislike the | 3.—Colonels Ellis and Barker have informed

A. LISTER, Postmaster General ENGLOSURE IN POSTMASTER GENERAL'S LETTER No. 62 OF 1886. POST OFFICE NOTICE.

With reference to the Order in Council September 24th, 1885, by which a Table of Rates of Postage was sanctioned, one of the regulations of which was that the prepayment of local postage between Hongkong and the Ports of China in either direction should be compulsary, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has been pleased to order as follows:-

Ports of Chine, and not prepaid by means of Hongkong Postage stamps, will not be delivered or sent on to destination. Such correspondence will be returned to the

senders, being opened for that purpose, if necessary, under the powers vested in the Postmaster General by section 16 of Ordinance No. 6 of This notice applies especially to correspondence sent on board steamers for transmission other-

wise than in the Mails. A. LISTER, Postmaster General. General Post Office, Hongkong, 20th Jan-

Secretary, &c., &c., &c.,

The Hon. Frederick Stewart, Acting Colonial

THE PROPOSED LOAN. The following letter in connection with the proposed loan was laid on the table of the Le gislative Council on the 25th March

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

CROWN AGENTS FOR THE COLONIES TO

Downing Street, London, 14th February, 1887. Sir,-Referring to your letter of the 23rd September last, No. 1,549, I have the honour to state, for the information of the Governor: visions of Ordinance No. 11 of 1886, as we have been able to obtain, temporarily, funds as re-

14th January, 1886 £10,000 9th March. 30th March, 20,000 20th April, . 14th May, 30th June, 30th July, 10th September. 21st December, ,, 10th January, 1887.....

which it has cost the Colony is 31 per cent. ceeds of the proposed loan of £200,000 after in the harbour. providing for the repayment of the temporary advances of £18.,000, will not be quite sufficient to provide us with funds to the end of the year. In the report dated 16th September last, on the Estimates for 1887, which accompanied your letter, par. 9, it is stated that the \$55,000 for interest is made, up in the following manner. namely: interest on \$400,000 (already advanced by the Crown Agents) at 7 per cent. per annum \$28,000. Interest on \$600,000, for 6 months, at 7 per cent per annum \$21,000, with \$6,000 added for Contingencies.

On reference to our accounts you will find that the Colony has never been charged anything like 7 per cent ; in fact when that report was written 3 per cent, was the highest rate, except during eleven days in Jan., 1886, when it was 4

The Colony, moreover, has never paid more. than 5 per cent, and that only from the 16th December last to the 3rd instant. should regret that it should go forth uncontra- | China, to inform you :dicted that the Colony has, through us, been honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

&c., Hongkong.

THE CHAMBER OF COUMERCE ON LETTERS:

Government:-

mittee the practice of giving the status of ships of war to subsidised moreantile vessels of Foreign Governments is bad and should at once be abolished. That if it be desirable to give special exemptions in favour of foreign lines of steamers touching at this nor than by the system now in force."

regulations recently put in force by the Post such as those in the Trade Report issued by Mr. as an original work. Office Department directing that all correspon. Maclean should be embodied in the circular, and The present number of the China Review as to be in readiness for sale to the large firms. dence which, through inadvertence, may not have that it be issued weekly, provided a sufficient contains an account of two important drugs. been stamped, shall be returned to the senders; number of copies could be disposed of the care that has been taken, we were some hundreds of thousands in number,

I have Sc.

H. U. JEFFRIES;

THE PROPOSED BLOCKING OF KELLETT'S BANK.

The following correspondence is published in ----Colonial Secretary's Office,

Hongkong, 21st June, 1886. Sir,-I am directed by His Excellency the for the information of the Chamber, that it has 7.—About twenty-five years ago there were no been strongly represented to him by Colonels

and a Fort on Kellett's Bank, it is stated, would 8. The non-stamping of letters on the Coast not decrease the space to be defended by sub-

change will be the first to admit its salutary His Excellency, therefore, that they are about to urge on the War_Office the vital importance, 9.—Should His Excellency approve of this from a defensive point of view, of permanently tops showing above water.

4 .- It will be seen on referring to the tracing that a passage for vessels and junks will be left between Green Island and the Southern end of the row of piles, and a much larger passage between Stone Cutters' Island and the Northern end of the barrier. Beside these two passages there is Salphur Channel through which most of Offices for the conveyance of letters and other either directly or indirectly, in order to enable the large foreign ships pass. There will, therefore be no interruption to ships and junks entern letter was addressed to the Hongkong Post- clusion, when we hope to see the papers ing the Port by the Western end.

b .- The barriers of piles will of course have to be lighted at night, but this. His Excellency is the members to say whether it is desirable that freated. advised, can be easily done at a small cost. 6.—The recommendation of Colonels Ellis and Office authorities on the present inequalities in Barker is strongly endersed by Colonel Walker, the rates." The only other puregraph of in-R.E., the Honourable the Officer now Comman- terest in the report is the following:-" The correspondence received at Hongkong from the ding the Troops, and the question has been un- want of confidence among the Chinese caused by der consideration for some time past by both the the Franco-Chinese trouble in 1885 and leading cognized that, unless some method be adopted of the native-owned wealth sent down to the treaty | Canton and the acting Governor of Kwangsi, it would at the outbreak of hostilities take a enced by the usual annual settlement among the the monopoly in cassis bark trade from the mer-

to the attacks of an enterprising enomy. When at their command." placed, these mines would, as already stated, be comparatively inefficient in consequence of the great distance between Green Island and Stone His Excellency would feel obliged, if the

Chamber of Commerce would favour him with State for the Colonies. - I have, 'c., ' FREDERICK STEWART.

General Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. Hongkong, 5th July, 1886. receipt of your letter No. 970 of the 21st ultimo, submitting to this Chamber for an expression of Kellett's Bank should be permanently blocked the shipping interests of the colony, if their

Should our expenditure during the current ing in from the South-West during bad weather, and materially add to the safety of the shipping this series.

> This permanent and possibly roughly made break-water would undoubtedly require to be raised above high water mark, and to be lighted by small Towers at the Northern and Southern ends; but these requirements could be met, the Committee are advised, at no very great outlay.

> -I have do., P. RYBIE. Chairman. The Hon. F. Stewart, LL.D., Acting Colonial

THE FORMATION OF A MEDICA. MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR CHINA.

Recorder .:-

Kenzie, of Tientsin. Vice-President, Shanghai notes or comments are added. Very close on 500 | thus made large profits and the production rapid. pondent.

President, Wuchang and Hankow division, Dr. work consists solely in its determinations, which tousien of the cultivation in Loting, which took SIEAMERS AND ON UNPAID W. A Deas, of Wuchang. Vice-President, have turned out to be very correct. But, by away a portion of the profit. During the last. Canton division, Dr. A. Lyall, of Swatow. Vice. for the most valuable, indeed the only reliable, lift on or sexteen years the increase in the pro-President, Fukien and Formosa division, Dr. work on the subject, is the late Dr. Hanbury's duction has been accompanied by a storyly fall in Whitney, of Foodlow. Secretary and Trea. Notes on Chinese Materia. Medica, a con- the expertence; while the institution of me is surer, Dr. E. M. Griffit, of Shanghai. Board of tribution illustrated by many wood-outs. In lekin barriers has been followed by a reduction Censors, Drs. Atterbury, of Peking, Douthwaite this work, 141 drugs are enumerated, 83 of them in the gains of traders Moreover the general

of Chefoo, Main of Hangehow, Beebe of Nan- being derived from the vegetable kingdom; all employment of Transit Passes has weakened a Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, king, McLeash of Amoy, and Wengon of Canton. are accompanied by Chinese characters and the position of Chinese merchants, so that the a Medical Missionary Journal, with Drs. Kerr, valuable remarks—chemical, betauteal, medical, even come down to eighty or ninety cents per at a special meeting of the Committee of this Reifenyder, McKenzie, and Gulick, as Editors. and otherwise. This work is a porfect model of picul, which scarcely pays the cost of gathering '3rd .- I'hat Drs. Boone, Parker, and McKenzie the lines on which original research should be the bark. Foreigners do not fear the combefore the Legislative Council which were pub- were chosen to act as delegates to the 9th In- conducted. Dr. Porter Smith's Contributions potition of Chinese merchants, who, they know,

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THE SHANGHAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

passengers of their respective nationalities, little discussion at the meeting, and what there was scattered, and more or less inaccessible form. this can be accomplished in some other man. was confined to a proposal to improve the market La Matière Médicals chez les Chinois, by other firms. In 1885 they were succeeded by a circular and issue it weekly instead of fortnightly, MM. Scubeiran and Dabry de Thiersant (1874), syndicate called the Ho Chi Tang, consisting of The attention of the Committee was also called the election of the Committee, and the accounts. is a clumsy compilation from Porter-Smith and ten firms. the great inconvenience and annoyance caused The committee, in the report on the past year Debeaux, crowded with the most palpable and the mercantile community, arising from the submitted to the meeting, proposed that statistics egregious errors, and unblushingly palmed off ships and exported at fixed periods. In the the extra cost, the weekly issue to begin on the may point to the correction of what seems to be a and there were several hundreds of iniddlemen. Resolved - That in the opinion of this Com- discontinuance, of Mr. Maclean's Report on the typographical arror in Bentham's Flora Hong. mittee the postal regulations which permit 31st March. The next subject referred to in kongensis, where the fruit of Gelsemium Elethe authorities of this Colony to return to the report was that of tea duties. Reference game is said to be 11 inches long; whereas, the chants were invited to undertake the collection the senders letters that may be unstamped, was made to this at the last annual meeting, and normal length is about 1 inch, as is stated in the of the duty with the object of patting on them is a great hardship upon the community in it was then left to the incoming Committee to article under review. Shanghai Bank. As to the conservation of the Toxicology. river and the dradging of Woosong Bar, the re- | According to Mr. Giles, tea has long been port states that "communication after commu- known as a favourite vehicle for administering nication has been forwarded to the Freeign Re- a poison which now seems to be nothing more

to it in this report further than to may the Com- formed wong t'ang, or "yellow creeper." It is mittee are not without hopes that operations said to yield poison in greater quantity, and Customs cannot give a retrospective effect to any | emetic. regulations, nor issue any notification affecting With regard to information and especimens foreign trade to be binding on foreigners with of flowers, leaves, or fruit of the Sze-chaen out the sanction of the Rapresentatives of Foreign variety of Strucknos, we think the Rev. E. ceedings at the public meeting held to consider the this interesting matter. subject and the correspondence upon it. The numerous foot-notes in the paper duce the duties and lekin. Regulations there-Committee will only add that the Postmaster are a good feature; and, as far as

"As is well known to all merchants, the rates of | easily be removed in succeeding papers. the Chamber should address the British Post

A NEW WORK ON CHINESE MATERIA M JICA.

The current issue of the Chiniz Review should in authors have charge, individually, of those de-

is an unclassified catalogue of 289 drugs, each drug having a transliteration of it Chinese : The following letter appears in the Chinese value of this work, from a scientific point of profits of the trade. ... view, is thus very small. Of far greater imexamined, and for the most part determined, by

division, Dr. H. W. Boone, St. Shanghai, Vice | substances are thus named. The worth of this | ly increased. Afterwards there was a great ex-2nd.—That all were in favour of establishing English transliterations; the majority of them by purchasing price could not but fall. It has

lished in the Gazette of the 12th instant, relat- tornational Medical Congress to be held at forwards the Maleria Medica and Natural His- have to pay more for the article, and thereing to the status of the French and German Washington, D. C., U. S. America, during Sep- tary of China is undoubtedly the most volumin- fore will only offer a low price. The circummail steamers within the ports of the colony of tember, 1887.—Very respectfully, your obedient ous work; but, the extremely questionable stances, indeed, are much the same in the sources from which he draws much of his cassis districts in both Provinces. The difficulgathered information, and the too evident want ties of the merchants arise from the use of of that careful critical discernment and balanced Transit Passes, and the difficulties of the nicety of judgment which, more than anything growers, which are still greater, arise from the else, mark out the true man of science, render lowness of the price paid both by Chinese and his work, as far as Pharmacology is con- by foreign merchants. These are the true corned, practically unreliable, and scientifically reasons why the cassis trade has been so steadily The annual meeting of the Shanghai Cham- useless. A fair amount of work has been unprosperous in both provinces. ber of Commerce was held on the 18th instant, done since 1871—the date of publication of the port for the conveyance of criminals or other Mr. J. G. Purdon in the chair. There was very last-named book; but, it exists in a fugitive,

Hongkong, China, and Japan, and should be take any notion they might deem necessary. In connection with the new alkaloid obtained it: When the practice had been continued rescinded. The Committee would suggest They decided, as opinions were much divided from Gelsemium Elegans, first discovered and for some time, abuses came into existence, as an alternative that letters posted unpaid on the point whether a reduction of the tax isolated by Mr. Crow, we would call his attention followed by attempts to control the market should be charged double the usual rate of would be an advantage to trade, and as it did not to the great similarity existing between its delicate and other acts of oppression. The farmers seem advisable to move for the alteration of colour-reaction and that produced by oxidising were often dismissed and changed, but still The Committee venture to submit, for the duty on one article only, not to address the agents on Curarine—the alkaloid of the cele- the abuses reappeared. In November, 1885, the favourable consideration of His Excellency the Foreign Representatives on the subject. The brated Wourali agreement of the Macoushia Memorialists were informed by the Superintend-Officer Administering the Government, the next paragraph of the report dealt with the Indians of essequibe and Demerara, the first ent of Customs at Canton that Tsung Chao 5.—The consequence is that the delivery of foregoing resolutions, and to request that he Sir Harry Purkes memorial. Tis. 4,373 were account of which is given by Chas. Waterton, those letters which are prepaid is delayed by may be pleased to give them his early attention. collected, and letters were addressed to the Yorkshire naturalist, in his delightful book Ch'ien I T'ang Syndicate would undertake the Sir Rutherford Alcock and Mr. A. Dent, Wanderings in South America. By the way, naking them to obtain designs of a monu- this alkaloid was isolated as far back as 1884; but as them there was no merchant of the name of Haii. ment, forwarding the same to the Executive yet, it appears to beunnamed. We would suggest The Memorialist Chang Chih-tung also found going habits of firms at Swatow, Amoy, and The Hon. F. Stewart, LL.D., Acting Colonial Committee, to be laid before the subscribers for that it is high time this latest accession to the out by enquiry that the price given by the new approval. There has not yet been time to re- alkaloidal family were duly baptized, and its syndicate was rather higher than before, viz.: ceive a raply; in the meantime, Tla. 4,000 have position in the chemical world thus daly sebeen placed on fixed deposit and the remainder cured; and doubtless when this is done, it will and about Tis. 1.70 for that from Kwangtung. on current account with the Hongkong and find its proper place in the standard works on

presentatives at Pelcing on the subject, and nor less than a decoction got from the leaves they in their turn have repeatedly arged on the and tender shoots of G. elegans. In Yun-nan, Chinese Authorities the necessity of the work according to the sai yen luk, (Instructions to being done. Nearly all the correspondence has Coroners) it is known as fo pa t'so, or "torch been published, so that it is not needful to rofer plant"; while in Northern Hu-nan it is locally venting any attempt to carry out the regulations, antidote to this powerful drug, the same auand that it will obtain from the Ministers at thority advises a semi-incubated egg, well beaten Peking the assurance that the Commissioner of up, and mixed with lineeed oil, to be used as an

Powers." The proposed abolition of the Local Faber, who is at present in Shanghai, could be 2.70. When the cost of production was added Post Office and the various agencies of Foreign of the greatest use. He is about to take a jour to this but little was left for the grower's pro-Post Offices at Shanglish, and the establishment ney into Szeechuen, in which he intends to comin their stead of a Chinese Post Office under the bine Missionary work with that of his favourite to pay a low price, foreign buyers of course administration of the Maritime Customs, are hobby-Botany. He would assuredly be only would not give a high one. Therefore the prementioned in the report, together with the pro- too pleased to be of assistance in clearing up

proposal, I shall give the widest possible pub- closing a portion of the Western entrance of the General in Hongkong, Mr. Lister, who was at have been able to test; them, accurate. The the circumstances detailed by the Acting At. ber might be able to get through its business licity to the notice, by sending a copy to every harbour by blocking Kellett's Bank, as shown on first an advocate of the scheme, in his last pub. Chinese characters are too closely printed; mercantile house south of Shanghai. -I have, the attached tracing, by a line of piles with their lished report admits that some of the objections and the transliteration is, in a few instances, urged against it by this community possessed incorrect. The general style of the paper is all imposts whatever, and is merely liable to the much force, and that one at least might be re- irregular, unequal-; and gives plain-signs of regular export duty at the Canton or Pakhoi garded as a real obstacle to the proposal." An hurry; some of the sontences are unnecessarily Custom House. Fees for issuing passes, inother postal subject is referred to as follows - long and involved. These are blamishes that can expecting boats, petty barrier dues and all such postages charged by the British Post Office are We trust that all of a scientific tendency

greatly in excess of those charged by other Post | will give the authors whatever aid they can, mail matter to the same destinations. In 1875 a them to bring their work to a satisfactory conmaster-General relative to certain discrepancies gathered together in book form; making, what has established an office at Loting Chen which in the rates then existing, and it remains with is sorely needed, a standard work on the subject

THE CASSIA TRADE AND DUTIES.

The Peking Gazette of the 3rd March contains War Office and the Admiralty, who have re- to the withdrawal of a considerable portion of a long Memorial from the Governor-General at obstructing the water way over Kellet's Bank, ports for investment, has disappeared, as is evid-describing the steps taken by them to withdraw long time to get mines placed over such a large | Chinese passing over without any difficulty and chants who hold it, and to reduce the daty on | area, and the port would be meanwhile exposed | the native banks having again plenty of money | the article in both Kwangtung and Kwangsi as an act of compassion towards producers and Chi-

nese dealers. On the 15th of July last the Governor General received from the Grand Council an Imperial Decree dated the 22nd of June, stating that His Majesty was informed that certain dishonest merchants had obtained a monopoly of the trade in castheir opinion as to the effect of the proposed ob- prove of more than ordinary interest. We sie bark in the Kael-ping and other districts of struction on the shipping interests, which note among its varied contents. Notes on Kwangsi, and, under the pretence of contracting opinion he will transmit to the Secretary of Chinese Materia Medica, by three joint authors for the payment of duty, kept down the price of -all well-known residents of Hongkong. We | the article, committing frauds with the collusion gladly welcome the appearance of this series. of the Custom House clerks, with the result that Acting Colonial Secretary. | because the subject of which it treats is one the poor folk suffered from oppression and the The Hon. P. Ryrie, Chairman, Hongkong that offers the very widest field for original public revenue steadily diminished. His Mojesty research, and will amply repay the time and desired the Governor-General to put an end to labour spent on it. We presume that the three the monopoly and to do away with the abuses. According to the original Memorial addressed partments of the work for which each seems to His Majesty, the Districts of Kuei-p'ing, Sir,-I have the honour to acknowledge the specially fitted. Thus, Mr. Ford should have the Jung Heien, T'eng Heien and P'ing-nan in Botunical sections of the papers; and this work | Haiin-chou Fu and Wn-chou Fu consist of a net could scarcely be placed in better hands; for the work of hills and valleys the inhabitants of which opinion thereon, the representations made by removal of Dr. Hance from the field of Chinese are engaged in the cultivation of cassia, stripping Colonels Ellis and Barker to the effect that, Botany, leaves him, unquestionably, the best off the bark yearly and selling it. The estimated living authority on the subject. Mr. Ford's value of the bark is 7 to 8 taels per picul, and by a line of Piles, as a means of providing an name is quite familiar to Western Batanists; the duty, collected at Ta-wa Hsü in Ping-nan, efficient defence of the Western entrance of this several plants, in whose scientific discovery he amounts to Tis. 40,000 or Tis. 50,000 per annum. harbour, and asking what would be the effect on has been instrumental, have been named after him; Up to the reign of Tung Chih the inhabitants and his active labours in the Botany of South of the country carried on their business free plans were adopted and carried out, as explained era China, during the past sixteen years, are from oppression or trouble. At that time, howin the tracing attached to your letter under thoroughly appreciated in Europe. Perhaps ever, Yuan Chi, Chung Yung Uni and certain the most notable and brilliant piece of work of other Canton firms, sixteen in all, under the The question has had the careful consider this investigator, was the discovery, some few false pretence of contracting for the payment of ation of the Committee, and I am desired to vears ago, of the botanical source of the Cassia the duty, obtained a monopoly of the trade and state, for the information of His Excellency the Lignes of commerce. Dr. He Kai, to whom would allow no one clee to participate in it. Administrator that, the Committee are of the matters directly Chinese seem to be relegated is, Having posted up notifications from the Canopinion that an obstruction on Keilett's Bank in every way qualified for the task. By the way, ton Custom House, they insisted on buying would not interfere with the navigation of the we are extremely pleased to see, at the heading the bark at a low rate. At first they only Western entrance of this Port, but they do not of the paper, that Dr. Ho Kai is mentioned as a reduced the price from seven or eight tacks consider that wooden piles would accomplish the Bac'elor of Modicine of the Aberdeen Univer- to two or three tacks per pical. But they afterobject in view. Such piles would not, it is besity—a fact which ought to show how wholly wards brought it down to seventy or eighty lieved, offer an effective obstacle to a powerful outrageous and unwarranted were the anseemly cents, which would not pay the cost of planting. man-of-war, while it should also be remembered remarks made on this gentleman, in a leader and gathering, and the growers gradually bethat within two or three years' time they are of the London Times, when discussing the came impoverished. In the year 1885 a man almost certain to be destroyed by the action of Honerkong section of the Indian and Colosea worms.

As an alternative plan, the committee think chemical portions should be assigned, is wellmonopoly for-himself alone. His proceedings that a stone barrier would better serve the pur- fitted; for these duties; for, as a student at were even harsher than those of his predecessors. pose, and as it would not be subject to decay the the School of Chemistry and Pharmacy, he car. and some hundreds of thousands of people found need for renewal would not arise, further the ried away medals, prizes, honours or scholar it every day more difficult to earn a livelihood, heads and smiling happily. For months they For these advances the Colony has paid at Committee are informed that the cost of such an ships, in nearly every subject which he tackled while the duty receipts have of late declined. Bank rate from day to day, which has varied. Obstruction would be less than wood. Besides Botopy, Materia Medica, and Chemistry among With reference to the above report the Metrade was bad and they ascribed the cause to the Botopy, Materia Medica, and Chemistry among With reference to the above report the Metrade was bad and they ascribed the cause to the since the 14th January last, from a minimum of these advantages over the pile-barrier, the stone- the rest. It will be thus seen that the subject morialists would remark that Kwangsi cassia heavy purchases made by foreigners. But now

ance the latter suggested would also act, to a certain has every reasonable chance of being exhaustively bark comes from the four Districts of Ping-nan, they have heard that the Emperor will marry bark comes from the four Districts of Ping-nan, they have heard that the Emperor will marry extent, as a break-water to the heavy seas com- treated; and, for ourselves, we look forward with Kneiping, Jung Hsien and Teng Hsien, while shortly and that silk and satin goods in abundvery pleasant anticipation to the future papers of Kwangtung bark all comes from Lo-ting Chow. ance are needed for the gay occasion. Looms There are further two routes by which cassia is which have been silent for a long time are now A brief resume of the work already done, by brought to the coast for exportation: By the creaking and clattering, and the weavers are Europeans, in Chinese Materia Medica, will old, or eastern, route, Kwangsi cassia descends chatting to each other merrily. materially help us to arrive at a due appreciation | the West-River from Hain-chow Fu and Wu: The Superintendent of the Arsenal here has of the magnitude of the subject undertaken, chow Fu, and Kwangtung cassia is brought by been exhibiting to his friends a specimen of new and of the truly illimitable field for work that a branch river to Shao-ching. Fu, also on the cash which he has just made under the direction lies before our three authors. In 1682, Andrew West River, In either case it finds its way to of the Governor. It seems that orders have Cleyer a Physician and Botanist in the service of Canton, whence it is sent to foreign countries. been sent to the Provincial Governors from the Dutch East India Company, published his Spe- By the new, or Western, route Kwangsi cassia Peking to coin a new supply of cash, and our cimen Medicine Sinica; in quarto, at Frankfort. is sent up stream, and, being carried partly by Governor hit on the idea of having it done at the This work is in Latin; and many of its treatises water and partly by land, is conveyed to Yu-lin Arsenal. So the specimen has been prepared and are translations, pure and simple, from Chinese. Chou, Lien-chou Fu and Pakhoi, whence it is the estimates for the minting made-out. It re-Only one section, about thirty page treats experted abroad. In 1878 Transit Passes were mains to be seen, whether the contract will be of Chinese Materia Medica; and, in this portion, brought into use at Pakhoi, but had not at that given to it or not. If not, a new mint, will all time been introduced at Canton. Foreigners the necessary apparatus, will have to be built, as therefore adopted the Pakhoi route in order to the old mint was completely destroyed by th avoid the duties on the West River, while Chi- robels twenty-five years ago, and nothing of in the characters themselves; the accompanying nese merchants continued to use the Canton remains but the entrance gateway with the sign descriptions are meagre and disappointing. The route and thus obtained a small fraction of the over it, and an immense pile of debris from for-

A year ago, when Transit Passes were intro- It is the season for the incense-burning pil-Dear Sir, I have the honour herewith to sub- portance, is a small thin cotavo of 65 pages, duced at Canton, foreigners engaged in the trade grims to visit Hangehow and worship the goldess mit to you for publication in the Recorder the published at St. Petersburg, in 1856, and con. all adopted the eastern route. They thus had of mercy and other idel gods in the famous tem-I would add that if the report has been laid report of the committee, composed of Drs. Park, taining a catalogue of Chinese drugs collected the advantage of water carriage and made even ples of this region. before the Council, it would appear but just to Reifenyder, Griffith, and Gulick, chosen to count by Dr. Tatarinov, Physician to the Russian greater profits than before, laying the cassia. The streets are daily thronged with these pil-The Hon. The Colonisl Secretary, &c., &c., sident, North China division, Dr. J. K. Mo as well as by the scientific name, in Latin; no cost as much as eight or nine taels. The growers them or trade with them.—Daily News Corres-

It was in the year 1850 that the collection the cassis duties was first formed out to mer chants, the farmers being the I Shun T'ang and

Originally the cassia was all sold to foreign These being scattered about everywhere, and it being difficult to keep watch over thom, mer-

Heiang and thirteen other firms known as the collection of the duty on cassin bark, but among lusion with the Customs clerks. Nevertheless, just as before, it was impossible to prevent oppression by those who have the control over profits. It was therefore found necessary to issue a proclamation immediately cancelling the privileges of the syndicate, and to instruct the Lekin Board of the two Provinces that they must make the middlemen responsible for the collection of the grower's tax and prevent the merchants of Canton from exercising any monopoly in future.

But whether the trade might be open or closed.

the difficulties of the growers were really caused by the lowness of the price and the smallness the profits. It was found that Kwangei cassia bark at the time of export is worth from Tis. 4.80 to Tis. 4.90 per picul and that Kwangtung cassia is slightly cheaper. In the case of cassia from Wu-chou and Haun-chou the cost of conveyance to Canton, including duties, transport, wanniousing and packing, came to Tis. 3.20 or Tis. 3.30 per picul. In the case of that from Lo-ting it was Tls. 2.60 or Tls. the difficulty, and the essential thing was to rebark in either province pays a single-la-ti-shui. or grower's duty, at the place of production. After this it is passed at every barrier free of further been arranged with the Superintendent of the Canton Customs that the greatest painsshall be taken to protect merchants at the time when they pay the regular export duty. The officer in charge of the Kwangtung lo-ti-shui collects a tax of Tls. 050 per picul. A lo-ti collectorate has long existed in Kwangsi. The chief officer for Wu-chou and Haun-shou formorly levied a tax of Tls. 0.72, and for the sake of uniformity this is now reduced to Tis. 0.50. The tax is not collected from the buyer. whether he be Chinese or foreigner, but the seller is solely responsible for it. This procedure is in accordance with the old laws in force throughout the Empire for the

collection of lo-ti and petty duties. The Memorialist Li Ping-heng was consulted in the matter and he perfectly agreed. Tho Provincial Treasurer and the Lehin-Boards considered the question and furnished a memorandum. Lastly, the head of the Hann-chen Cassia Office, and the Sub-Profect and the Wey-yuan at Lo-ting Chou have reported that they have begun to carry out the new regulations.

The Memorialists have the honour to observe that cassia is the principal commercial product of Kwangsi, and that Loting is a retired mountain district of which the industries require to be fostered. Monopolies have been a cause of troubles to the cassia growers, but lowness of prices brought still greater difficulties. By the new system individuals are prevented from controlling the market and transit duties are abulished. There is merely a light grower's tax for the collection of which the middle men are responsible. The light taxation aids the merchants, and the abolition of monopolies relieves the growers. The diminution of the taxation in Kwangtung secures the collection of duty in Kwangsi. At the present day the revenue of both provinces depends chiefly on lekin; and, if trade does not flourish, what becomes of the duties? Compreheusive and energetic measures therefore are necessary to encourage the sources whence wealth springs. Though the new measures have been adopted, but a few days, the price of Kwangsi casia has risen to Tis. 2.30, and the same has happened with that of Kwangtung. Relief is thus afforded to the people, and the advantage of the reduction of the duty is made manifest. It has been placed on record that hereafter no merchants from other parts are ever to be allowed to contract for the payment of duties, and that the local middlemen will be punished and dismissed if they are found to be trying to force down the

In what they have done the Memorialists have endeavoured to act in accordance with the paternal benevolence felt by His Majesty for

Rescript: Let the vamen concerned take cognisance.-N C. Daily News translation.

HANGCHOW.

The silk-weavers are now holding up their have been depressed and grumbling because their

us that some explanation should be given, as we the votes of the Medical Missionary body in Mission in Peking, that were subsequently chants who had heavy duties to pay along the shopping and trading also. It is estimated that 1st.—That all of the votes received were in Dr. Horaninow, professor of Materia Medica at West River. Formerly, when Kwangsi cassis about ten thousand arrive every day and spend was brought by Chinese Merchants to Canton two or three days here. This continues for a Society with the following named as officers:— are given, accompanied, in-each instance, by and sold there to foreigners its expert price was month or air weeks. It is a harvest time for the President, Dr. J. G. Kerr, of Canton. Vice-Pre- transliterations in both Russian and English, more than ten tools, while even in Kwangsi it priests, shopkeepers, and many others who serve